

## 2014-2015 Season

# Lady Vikings looking to turn things around in 2014-15

By Jaclyn Yingling  
Sports Editor

FLINTON — With five letterwinners back, the Glendale girls basketball team is hoping to improve on its 2-20 mark from last season.

But the Lady Vikings will have to fill the hole left by second leading scorer Courtney McMurray, who was lost to graduation.

"Having five letterwinners back gives us experience," said head coach John Matchock. "All of them got a lot of playing time last year. We are looking for them to provide that experience to the younger girls at practice."

Matchock thinks his girls have what it takes to compete for the Moshannon Valley League title again this year.

Seniors Kiana Johnston, Alisha Plummer and Shannon Ricketts, along with junior Anna Fowler and sophomore Amber Matier all return for another season in blue and gold.

Joining them will be one senior, one freshman and seven sophomores.

"We will be using sophomores a lot this year," said Matchock. "Either starting the game or coming off the bench. We have four seniors and one junior. The sophomores will be used quite often and have to learn to play a quicker game than at the junior high level."

"We played in a fall league, and they showed

they are coming along. There is no way you can simulate a varsity game with the atmosphere and having to play a game that counts, and everybody that reads the paper will end up seeing that result."

"A good number of them will see varsity time without a doubt, and we will probably have a few of them starting. (Cierra) O'Shell and (Lauryn) Clarkson are two of the sophomores that will be used a lot. Both are capable of turning some heads in both the ICC and MVL. We also have a freshman Makenzie Lukehart that will see some time."

The group isn't as experienced as Matchock would like, but has worked hard in the offseason.

But Glendale will have to play its best basketball to compete in not only the MVL, but the Inter-County Conference as well.

Last season, the Lady Vikings went 2-6 in Mo Valley League play and 0-14 in the ICC. Glendale's lone win came over Harmony.

"We had a young and inexperienced team last year, and it showed on the scoreboard with some lopsided losses," Matchock said. "We are going to be playing hard for 32 minutes. We want to return the favor this year."

Glendale picked up its first win of the season in its second game, then went on a 12-game skid before picking up its final victory of the year.

Ricketts was the team's leading scorer last year, averaging 8.4 points per game. She played in all 22 games and scored in double digits 12 times. She was also second on the team in 3-pointers made with six.

Fowler led the team in treys, knocking down seven en route to a 3.3-point average as a sophomore.

Matier was the team's third-leading scorer last season, with 3.2 ppg. She played in all 22 games as a freshman.

"Amber is no different than any of our returning girls," said Matchock. "As a freshman, she started most of our games. I'm hoping she uses that experience from last year and uses that this year to make herself and the team better."

"We have a lot of younger girls this year. I'm hoping she can provide them with some insight on what to expect at the varsity level. I'm expecting more from Amber, but also the rest of the returning girls."

"I think each returning girl has something to prove after last season. I'm expecting bigger things from Ricketts and Fowler both offensively and defensively. They both are capable of having a big season."

Plummer (2.8 ppg) and Johnston (2.1) also return.

Even with five letterwinners back, the starting lineup still isn't set for the Lady Vikings.

"The only spots for the first game that are decided are Ricketts, Fowler and Matier," Matchock said. "The other two spots are up for grabs between five or six girls, but we will be taking the starting lineup on a game-by-game basis."

"I don't want any of the girls getting used to starting and then not trying as hard at practice. We have been preaching pushing each other hard at practice for two hours and trying to make each other better. And, it has been working."

"We have a nice mix of girls this year that have been working well together at practice so far. They are looking forward to getting the season started."

And, while the Lady Vikings pride themselves on defense, Matchock knows they are going to have to score points if they hope to compete.

"We don't have height again this year, so we will be relying on our speed and quickness to generate our offense," Matchock said.

"We have a deep, talented bench this year. We are going to be using 8-10 different girls a game. We want to be constantly on the ball and forcing turnovers to make up for our lack of height. We have been preaching defense and a good transition game."

Last season, Glendale averaged 30.5 points per game. That number will have to rise if it hopes to rack up wins in the ICC and the MVL.

Matchock will be assisted this year by Rick Stackhouse. Kelli McGarvey and Sara Tarr will be volunteer coaches.

Glendale opens the season on Dec. 9 hosting St. Joseph's Catholic Academy in a varsity-only game.

### Roster

#### Seniors

Niki Glass, \*Kiana Johnston, \*Alisha Plummer, \*Shannon Ricketts.

#### Juniors

\*Anna Fowler.

#### Sophomores

Lauryn Clarkson, Sydney Gallaher, Meghan Krepps, \*Amber Matier, Meghan McClellan, Kelsey Ness, Cierra O'Shell, Jasiynn Wimberly.

#### Freshman

Makenzie Lukehart.

\*Denotes returning letterwinners.

### Schedule

#### December

9—St. Joseph's Catholic Academy (varsity only), 7 p.m.; 12—Bellwood-Antis; 15—at Mount Union; 17—at Harmony; 19—Williamsburg; 23—at Moshannon Valley, 7:15 p.m.; 29-30—at Williamsburg Tournament, TBA.

#### January

7—Harmony; 9—Juniata Valley; 12—at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy; 13—at West Branch; 16—Claysburg-Kimmel; 19—at Bellwood-Antis; 22—Mount Union; 26—at Williamsburg; 28—at Curwensville; 29—Moshannon Valley.

#### February

2—at Juniata Valley; 4—Curwensville; 5—West Branch; 9—at Claysburg-Kimmel.

All varsity games begin at 7:30 p.m. unless noted.



Photo by Chris Wechtenhiser  
Lady Viking letterwinners — The Glendale girls basketball team returns five letterwinners for the 2014-15 season. From left, are Amber Matier, Kiana Johnston, Anna Fowler and Shannon Ricketts. Missing from the photo is Alisha Plummer.



## December 9, 2014: St. Joe's 7 at Glendale 53

By Andy Stine  
Sports Writer

FLINTON — In most cases, a big season-opening win is something that coaches love to see from their teams, but Glendale head coach John Matchock wasn't completely satisfied with everything from the Lady Vikings.

A total of 12 of the 13 Lady Vikings scored on the evening, while their defense pressured St. Joseph's Catholic Academy into 41 turnovers. Glendale also held the Lady Wolves to just two points in the second half on their way to a 53-7 victory on Tuesday.

There weren't many problems with the Lady Vikings' defensive efforts, but they had more problems with taking care of the ball than Matchock would like to see.

"I think we started out well, but then we started turning over the ball and not rebounding," he said. "If we're going to compete against bigger teams, those are things that we're going to have to do. In spurts, we played well, but I think we can play better."

All five Glendale starters put in at least one basket in the first quarter. Shannon Ricketts had four of her game-high 19 points in the opening eight minutes, while Cierra O'Shell, Amber Matier and Anna Fowler each had a bucket. Lauryn Clarkson also hit a 3-pointer in the opening stanza. It was the lone trey of the night.

The Glendale defense didn't allow St. Joseph's to get off many shot attempts and forced 12 turnovers in the first quarter.

"We've been really focusing on a lot of defense," said Matchock. "We're trying to make our defense generate our offense, so we can maybe get some easy layups. That was good to see that we were able to force a lot of turnovers. We're just hoping that we can do that the rest of the season."

The Lady Wolves' Courtney Gregory opened the first possession of the second quarter with a lay-in, but Glendale shut out St. Joseph's for the rest of the seven-plus minutes in the quarter. The Lady Vikings finished the period on a 16-0 run, with five reserves cracking the score sheet.

Glendale went to the locker room leading 29-5.

Ricketts, who scored just six points in the first half, ended the evening with 19.

"She could've had more, but that's the first-game jitters," said Matchock. "Hopefully we've got turnovers and jitters out of our system."

"(The upperclassmen) have improved. They're a little bit more mature now. They realize they're the leaders now. It's good to see that they're growing."

"We also have some good sophomores that came up. They're forcing the older kids to practice a lot harder and vice versa. Practice is kind of a challenge now because everybody is competing."

Gregory, who led the Lady Wolves with six points, scored the last field goal of the night for her team late in the third quarter with a jumper. Ricketts led the Lady Vikings with seven points in the third quarter, which put Glendale up 41-7 entering the fourth quarter.

Ricketts put in another six points in the last period of play, while Fowler, Kiana Johnston

and Makenzie Lukehart each had a field goal.

Matier added six points and six rebounds for Glendale, while Lukehart brought down six boards.

Glendale (1-0) is back in action on Friday as it entertains Bellwood-Antis.

"We're going to get our eyes opened up on Friday against one of the best teams in the area," said Matchock. "We have to get our heads focused. We'll see how good we are."

Tip-off is set for 7:30 p.m.

### St. Joseph's Academy—7

Authier 0 0-0 0, Bassett 0 0-0 0, Gregory 3 0-2 6, Legasei 0 0-0 0, Weiss 0 1-2 1, Youngsmark 0 0-0 0, Weyant 0 0-0 0, Caswell 0 0-0 0, Emigh 0 0-0 0, Bevilacqua 0 0-3 0. Totals: 3 1-7 7.

### Glendale—53

Clarkson 2 0-0 5, O'Shell 1 0-0 2, Matier 3 0-0 6, Fowler 2 0-1 4, Ricketts 9 1-3 19, Plummer 2 0-0 4, Johnston 1 0-0 2, Lukehart 2 0-0 4, Glass 1 0-0 2, Gallaher 1 0-0 2, Wimberly 1 0-0 2, McClellan 0 0-0 0, Krepps 0 1-2 1. Totals: 25 2-6 53.

Three-pointers: Clarkson.

### Score by Quarters

St. Joseph's	3	2	2	0—7
Glendale	13	16	12	12—53

## December 12, 2013: Bellwood 63 at Glendale 29

### Glendale falls to Bellwood

FLINTON — The Glendale girls basketball team couldn't overcome a slow start against visiting Bellwood-Antis on Friday night, falling 63-29.

The Lady Vikings were outscored 31-8 in the first quarter, but did hold the edge in the second half, 18-14.

Lauryn Clarkson led Glendale with 11 points.

The Lady Vikings dropped to 1-1 overall. Glendale travels to Mount Union on Monday.

In junior varsity action, Bellwood came out on top, 48-25. Makenzie Lukehart had 10 points

to pace the Lady Vikings.

### Bellwood-Antis—63

Swogger 8 3-6 21, Leamer 5 2-4 12, A. Hollen 7 1-2 16, Damiano 1 0-2 2, Showalter 0 0-2 0, Carles 2 0-1 4, Crider 0 0-0 0, Claar 0 0-0 0, Stevens 0 0-0 0, Lynn 2 2-2 6, Leidig 0 1-2 1, T. Hollen 0 1-2 1. Totals: 25 10-23 63.

### Glendale—29

Matier 1 0-0 2, Lukehart 1 0-0 2, Fowler 0 1-2 1, Clarkson 5 0-0 11, Johnston 0 1-2 1, O'Shell 3 2-4 8, Ricketts 1 0-4 2, Glass 1 0-0 2. Totals: 12-4 29.

Three-pointers: Swogger 2, A. Hollen; Clarkson.

### Score by Quarters

Bellwood-Antis	31	18	10	4—63
Glendale	8	3	7	11—29

## **December 15, 2014: Glendale 48 at Mt. Union 60**

### **Lady Trojans downs Lady Vikings 60-48**

Mt. Union- The Glendale girls were defeated by Mt. Union, 60-48 in an Inter-County Conference matchup.

Shannon Ricketts paced the Lady Vikings with 15 points. Amber Matier also netted 10 points in the game.

The Lady Vikings fell to 1-2 on the season. They return to action on Monday when they travel to Harmony.

In junior varsity action, Glendale defeated Mt. Union 24-22. They were led by Jasylnn Wimberly with 10 points.

#### **Glendale-48**

Matier 4-2-2-10, Lukehart 3-1-2-8, Fowler 1-1-5-3, Clarkson 2-0-1-4, Oshell 2-0-0-6, Plummer 1-0-0-2, Ricketts 7-1-5-15. Totals 20-5-15-48

#### **Mt. Union-60**

Morder 0-1-2-1, Miner 3-2-2-9, Rohr 0-0-0-0, Knable 4-1-2-9, White 12-4-7-30, Gilber-Walker 2-7-19-11. Totals 22-15-31-6-

Three Pointers: Lukehart, O'Shell 2; Miner

#### **Score by Quarters**

Glendale	15	8	10	15- 48
Mt. Union	14	14	16	16- 60



December 17, 2014: Glendale 60 at Harmony 55 OT

## Fowler's buzzer beater helps Lady Vikings top Harmony in OT

By Jon Christoff  
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WESTOVER — The girls basketball game between Glendale and Harmony on Wednesday night in Westover had a little bit of everything — torrid shooting, staunch defense and a buzzer-beating shot that permanently swung the momentum in the Lady Vikings' favor.

Glendale — despite starting 10-of-17 from the field to take a 25-11 lead through the first eight minutes of the contest — found itself trailing the host Lady Owls, 49-43, with 10 seconds to play and possession of the ball.

After a Shannon Ricketts 3-point play, the Lady Viking defense didn't allow Harmony to inbound the ball and regained possession.

A missed 3-pointer wound up in Anna Fowler's hands and she calmly drilled the shot from the perimeter to force overtime.

The Lady Vikings didn't trail again, as they rebounded to deny the Lady Owls their first win of the season, 60-55.

"We got it down to two possessions," said Glendale head coach John Matchock, "and you can't give up hope. Shannon drove to the basket and got fouled, which helped, and Anna knocked down the big 3 as time expired.

"We've been weary about going man-to-man (defense) ... but when we went to it, the girls played phenomenal defense. I

can't even describe it because I wasn't even planning on playing any man. We got a lot of turnovers and that's what we needed. I told them in the locker room, 'defense got us back in the game.'"

After turning away the Lady Owl offense, Ricketts knifed through the Harmony defense with time winding down and was fouled going in for a layup. Ricketts' shot fell and so did her ensuing free throw.

Once the Lady Viking defense forced the turnover on the inbounds play, Ricketts had a good look at a 3-pointer with time winding down. The shot didn't drop and ended up finding its way into the hands of Fowler, who forced overtime as the ball swished through the net.

The shot atoned for all of Fowler's points in the contest.

"It was huge because she has been in a slump lately in practice and in games," Matchock said. "She doesn't really want to shoot, but she stepped up and hit that shot. We carried that momentum into overtime and, luckily, we pulled it off."

For the Lady Owls, it was another near miss despite a solid effort.

Harmony fell behind early against West Branch in a 50-42 defeat on Monday and the same held true against Glendale. The Lady Owls trailed by 14 with 7:19 remaining in the opening half,

but dominated the middle two quarters and led 40-32 heading into the fourth quarter.

While Harmony's defense forced 12 Glendale turnovers in helping outscore the visitors 18-3 in the third, the Lady Owls weren't able to hang on when the Lady Vikings utilized a full-court man-to-man defense.

The result was Harmony's 20th straight defeat.

"The resiliency was impeccable early," said Lady Owls head coach Doug Martz, "because they never put their heads down. We never lost confidence, even though we dug ourselves a big hole early. The defense was our offense in the third quarter, and I don't think it was anything Glendale was mismanaging or doing bad. I think our girls just really put forth a really good third quarter. They denied the passes and they didn't allow second-chance opportunities on the boards.

"We're making our runs now, more than we have in the past, but we just can't keep those leads. We need to be patient when we have the lead and work for the layups instead of settling for off-balance jumpers. ... There was a momentum swing (with Fowler's 3-pointer), but I think it becomes a momentum swing if you let it. (Glendale) wanted to ride that, and I'm not

sure how well our girls responded to that."

Aside from the late heroics of Fowler and Ricketts, each team had their fair share of standout performances in the contest.

Harmony's resurgence hinged largely on the play of senior Joleen Brink and sophomore Tarra Hauser.

Hauser, who pulled in nine boards and had three steals, spearheaded the Lady Owls' stingy defensive effort in the middle two quarters, as she netted all of her team-high 17 points in the middle stanzas.

Brink, on the other hand, was a force inside, ripping down a team-high 12 rebounds and adding 13 points to her credit. Brink's bucket in the third quarter at the 2:34 mark completed Harmony's comeback and gave it the lead until Fowler's game-tying shot.

"Joleen Brink, I kind of felt like she was the heart-and-soul of things tonight because of her determination," Martz said. "She helped spark our big run going into the half to make us feel better. She came to play and she played very hard, and I think she was inspirational to the other girls out there. The girls really respect her a lot, and there's a reason why."

While Ricketts scored a game-high 21 points and sophomore Cierra O'Shell added double figures (16), the play of Amber Matier allowed the Lady Vikings to mount a counter-attack to Brink and company under the hoop.

Matier had six points in the

first half, but didn't crack the scoreboard again until opening the scoring in the extra period. Matier ended the night with 11 points and a game-high 13 rebounds.

"She was kind of silent and didn't seem like she was in the game," said Matchock, "but when we needed her most she stepped up and hit some foul shots at the end. She did the dirty stuff and got a lot of rebounds, which we have problems with."

The Lady Vikings improved to 2-2 on the season, while the Lady Owls dipped to 0-5.

Glendale entertains Williamsburg on Friday night, and Harmony heads to Ridgway.

"Harmony came out (in the second half) and they were hitting everything," Matchock said. "Turnovers killed us. We stuck with it and didn't give up, and ended up pulling it out."

"Coach Martz is doing an excellent job over there. They have a very young team. They play hard and both sides were diving for loose balls. There were two teams that really wanted to win ... It was a good game by both teams."

### Glendale—60

Matier 4 3-4 11, Fowler 1 0-0 3, Clarkson 2 1-2 7, O'Shell 7 0-4 16, Ricketts 8 4-5 21, Plummer 1 0-0 2, Johnston 0 0-0 0, Lukehart 0 0-0 0. Totals: 23 8-15 60.

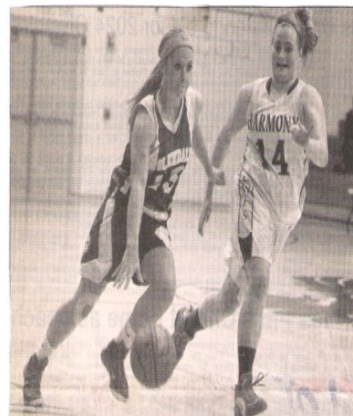
### Harmony—55

Dyda 2 0-0 4, Brink 6 1-2 13, Rorabaugh 2 0-2 4, Hauser 8 1-2 17, Maseto 0 4-6 4, Pennington 3 3-6 9, Rowles 1 2-2 4, McKee 0 0-0 0. Totals: 22 11-20 55.

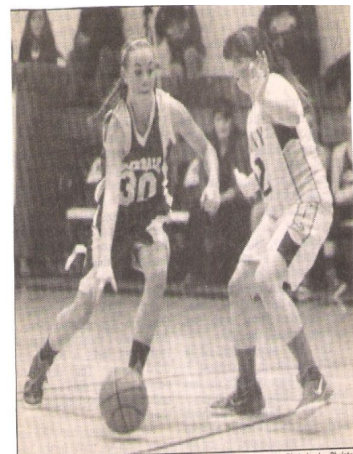
Three-pointers: Clarkson 2, O'Shell 2, Fowler 1, Ricketts 1.

### Score by Quarters

Glendale	21	8	3	17	11—60
Harmony	11	11	18	9	6—55



Glendale's Anna Fowler, left, drives to the basket as Harmony's Joleen Brink tries to head her off. Fowler drained a game-tying 3-pointer at the buzzer in regulation in the Lady Vikings' 60-55 overtime win. Brink had 13 points and 12 rebounds for the Lady Owls.



Glendale's Cierra O'Shell dribbles in front of Harmony's Elizabeth Rorabaugh during Wednesday's game in Westover. O'Shell scored 16 points, as the Lady Vikings evened their mark at 2-2 following a 60-55 triumph in overtime.



## December 19, 2014: Williamsburg 57 at Glendale 35

### Glendale topped at home

FLINTON — The Glendale girls were upended by visiting Williamsburg, 57-35, on Friday evening.

Shannon Ricketts paced the Lady Vikings with 12 points.

Glendale dropped to 2-3 overall and 0-3 in the Inter-County Conference. The Lady Vikings return to action on Tuesday, traveling to Moshannon Valley.

In junior varsity action, Williamsburg was a 35-30 winner. Meghan Krepps led the Lady Vikes with 14 points.

#### Williamsburg—57

Bookhammer 4 1-2 9, Simpson 0 0-0 0, Brubaker 2 1-4 5, Peck 6 0-0 12, Detwiler 11 2-10 24, Mikesic 0 0-0 0, Michelone 1 0-0 3, Corrigan 0 0-0 0, Bowmaster 1 0-0 2, Brown 0 0-0 0, Joergensen 0 0-0 0, Weimert 1 0-0 2. Totals: 26 4-16 57.

#### Glendale—35

O'Shell 1 0-0 2, Ricketts 6 0-0 12, Clarkson 4 0-0 8, Matier 4 0-0 8, Fowler 0 0-0 0, Plummer 1 1-2 3, Johnston 1 0-0 2. Totals: 17 1-2 35.

Three-pointers: Michelone.

#### Score by Quarters

Williamsburg	11	15	15	16—57
Glendale	10	6	6	13—35

## December 23, 2014: Glendale 41 at MoValley 65

### Glendale-41

Matier 3 0-0 6, O'Shell 4 0-0 11, Clarkson 2 0-0 5, Fowler 3 0-0 8, Ricketts 4 1-2 9, Plummer 0 0-0 0, Johnston 1 0-0 2, Lukehart 0 0-2 0. Totals: 17 1-4 41.

### Moshannon Valley-65

Kronenwetter 8 3-6 19, Stodart 3 0-2 6, Smith 6 1-3 16, Kitko 3 10-12 18, Kolesar 3 0-0 6, Matchock 0 0-0 0. Totals: 23 14-23 65.

Three-pointers: O'Shell 3, Fowler 2, Clarkson 1; Smith 3, Kitko 2.

#### Score by Quarters

Glendale 3 23 13 2-41

Mo Valley 15 14 17 19-65

## December 29, 2014: Glendale 47 vs Williamsburg 64 (William. Tourn.)

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**WILLIAMSBURG** — After already falling once to Williamsburg, the Glendale girls basketball team could have just gone through the motions on Monday evening at the Williamsburg Boosters Holiday Tournament.

But that wouldn't be the Lady Vikings style.

Glendale came out aggressive and stunned the hosts by taking a 15-9 lead after the first quarter. But the Lady Vikes couldn't sustain the offensive outburst and fell, 64-47.

"We played well in the first quarter," said Glendale head coach John Matchock. "We were making smart plays and boxing out. Then, we stopped doing those things in the second quarter."

Williamsburg opened the scoring with a Madison Detwiler bucket.

Glendale answered right back with a jumper from Amber Matier.

The Lady Vikings went on a 6-2 run to take an 8-4 lead thanks to a basket from Cierra O'Shell and foul shots from Matier and Shannon Ricketts.

Glendale forced several turnovers in the frame and led 15-9 after the first.

But Williamsburg bounced back in the second quarter,

thanks to the play of Camryn Bookhammer.

Bookhammer led the Lady Pirates with 17 points on the night.

Most of her points came while driving to the hoop, which also led to foul trouble for several Lady Vikings.

Anna Fowler and Lauryn Clarkson both had three fouls by the half, while Matier and Makenzie Lukehart each had two.

"We also ran into foul trouble in the second quarter, but we had girls come off the bench and keep us close.

"Kiana (Johnston), Makenzie and Alisha (Plummer) played good games. That was a good thing to see."

The Lady Pirates tied the game at 17-17 and never looked back, outscoring Glendale 47-30 the rest of the way.

Glendale tried to keep it close, but struggled with consistency, scoring 10 points in the third quarter.

"We are very inconsistent right now," said Matchock. "We can't put a full 32 minutes together.

"We play well in spurts, but not a full game."

Ricketts led the Lady Vikings with 12 points. Matier and O'Shell each had 10.

Glendale dropped to 2-5. The Lady Vikings play Moshannon Valley in the consolation game at 6 tonight.

Williamsburg faces Philipsburg-Osceola at 7:30 in the championship game.

### Glendale—47

McClellan 0 0-1 0, Matier 4 2-2 10, Wimberly 0 0-0 0, Lukehart 1 2-4 4, Fowler 1 0-0 2, Clarkson 2 0-1 5, Krepps 0 0-0 0, Johnston 2 0-0 4, O'Shell 4 1-2 10, Plummer 0 0-0 0, Ricketts 5 2-3 12, Glass 0 0-0 0. Totals: 19 7-13 47.

### Williamsburg—64

Detwiler 6 2-3 14, Plumley 3 1-2 9, Peck 3 3-6 9, Bookhammer 7 3-7 17, Michelone 2 0-0 5, Brubaker 0 0-2 0, Simpson 4 0-0 10, Mikesic 0 0-0 0, Corrigan 0 0-0 0. Totals: 25 9-20 64.

Three-pointers: Clarkson, O'Shell; Plumley 2, Simpson 2, Michelone.

### Score by Quarters

Glendale	15	8	10	14—47
Williamsburg	9	21	12	22—64



## December 30, 2014: Glendale 41 vs MoValley 49 (William. Tourn.)

Moshannon Valley 49, Glendale 41

The consolation game of the tournament was probably a true definition of a tale of two halves for the Moshannon Valley and Glendale girls basketball teams.

The Lady Vikings played nearly flawless basketball for the first 16 minutes, while the Damsels returned the favor in the second half. In the end, Mo Valley took the lead early in the fourth quarter and didn't look back as it took the consolation match, 49-41.

"I asked them at halftime who wanted it," said Mo Valley head coach Mary Jo Kitko. "Who wanted to be here? Who wanted to play? The first half, they just didn't look like they wanted to be

here. They all raised their hands, and I said, 'Show me.'

"We lost one last night that I didn't want to lose. To come back today and start like that, we were worried. They really dug deep and they really played a great second half."

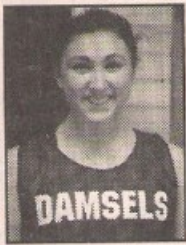
The Damsels trailed 26-13 after committing 13 turnovers in the first half. With the Lady Vikings up 32-18 three minutes into the third quarter, Mo Valley finished the frame on a 14-1 run as it made the first of 10 Glendale turnovers in the second half.

Emily Kolesar and Hannah Kitko each hit a trey in the third quarter.

Samantha Matchock's jumper off the glass 10 seconds into the fourth quarter gave the Damsels their first lead of the game. Although Glendale kept the game within striking distance, it never regained the lead.

Haley Stodart put in six points in the fourth quarter for Mo Valley.

"In the first half, we played great," said Lady Viking head coach John Matchock. "In the second half, we just turned over the ball and we didn't rebound. We beat ourselves this game. But you have to give credit to Mo Valley. They stuck in it.



"The way we were just throwing the ball around, I don't have any words to describe it right now. It should not have happened. We had the scoreboard on our side and the clock on our side. We just had to be patient on offense, and we cannot do that. We tried to rush and force everything.

"Hopefully this game will send a lesson that no lead is safe for us for the rest of the season. The way we played in the second half, there is no excuse for something like that."

Glendale opened the game with a 7-0 outburst in the first minute and a half on a pair of Amber Matier putbacks, and a Cierra O'Shell 3-pointer to give the Lady Vikings a 16-6 lead after the first quarter.

Shannon Ricketts put in six of her 13 points on the evening in

the second quarter as the Lady Vikings led by 13 at the break. O'Shell finished the night with a team-high 16 points.

Ally Kronenwetter had a game-high 14 points for the Damsels, while Kitko added 11.

Mo Valley improved to 3-7, while Glendale dropped to 2-6.

The Damsels will be back in Williamsburg to play the Lady Pirates on Jan. 9, while Glendale entertains Harmony on Jan. 7.

Williamsburg's Camryn Bookhammer was named the tournament's most valuable player. Detwiler, Peck, Showers, Cowfer and Kitko were named to the all-tournament team. Williamsburg's Cassie Simpson earned the defensive award, and Ricketts was given the sportsmanship award.

### Moshannon Valley—49

Kitko 3 3-4 11, Kronenwetter 6 2-4 14, Smith 2 1-2 5, Stodart 3 2-2 8, Kolesar 2 0-0 5, Matchock 2 2-4 6, Harlow 0 0-0 0. Totals: 18 10-16 49.

### Glendale—41

Matier 3 2-2 8, Clarkson 2 0-0 4, O'Shell 7 0-0 16, Fowler 0 0-0 0, Ricketts 6 1-2 13, Plummer 0 0-2 0, Lukehart 0 0-0 0, Johnston 0 0-0 0. Totals: 18 3-6 41.

Three-pointers: Kitko 2, Kolesar; O'Shell 2.

### Score by Quarters

Moshannon Valley	6	7	19	17—49
Glendale	16	10	7	8—41

## January 9, 2014: Juniata Valley 70 at Glendale 48

### Glendale topped by JV

FLINTON — The Glendale girls were toppled by visiting Juniata Valley, 70-48, on Friday night in an Inter-County Conference matchup.

Shannon Ricketts led the Lady Vikings with 22 points, including two three-pointers.

Glendale dropped to 2-7 overall.

The Lady Vikes travel to St. Joseph's Academy on Monday at 5:30 p.m.

In jayvee action, Glendale was a 39-28 winner thanks to Makenzie Lukehart's 13 points.

#### Juniata Valley—70

Payne 2 0-0 4, Reed 6 0-0 14, B. Leidy 6 6-6 20, T. Leidy 6 2-2 14, Smith 0 0-0 0, Miller 0 3-8 3, Mattas 5 2-3 12, Johnson 1 1-2 3, Smithmyer 0 0-0 0, Giles 0 0-0 0, Belinda 0 0-0 0, Carper 0 0-0 0. Totals: 26 14-21 70.

#### Glendale—48

McClellan 0 0-1 0, Matier 2 0-0 5, Wimberly 0 0-0 0, Lukehart 3 0-2 9, Fowler 2 3-6 8, Clarkson 1 2-2 4, Gallaher 0 0-0 0, Krepps 0 0-0 0, Johnston 0 0-0 0, O'Shell 0 0-0 0, Glass 0 0-0 0, Ricketts 10 0-2 22. Totals: 18 5-13 48.

Three-pointers: B. Leidy 2, Reed 2; Lukehart 3, Ricketts 2, Matier, Fowler.

#### Score by Quarters

Juniata Valley	21	20	18	11—70
Glendale	13	8	15	10—48

## January 12, 2014: Glendale 66 at St. Joe's 16

### Glendale topples St. Joe's

BOALSBURG — Glendale picked up its third victory of the season with a 66-16 win over St. Joseph's Catholic Academy in girls basketball action on Monday evening.

Cierra O'Shell led the Lady Vikings with 13 points. Amber Matier and Meghan Krepps each had 12 points in the victory.

Glendale improved to 3-7 overall. The Lady Vikings travel to West Branch this evening.

McClellan 0 0-0 0, Matier 6 0-0 12, Wimberly 1 0-0 2, Lukehart 3 2-5 8, Fowler 2 0-0 5, Clarkson 4 0-2 9, Gallaher 0 0-0 0, Krepps 3 6-9 12, Johnston 0 0-0 0, O'Shell 6 0-1 13, Plummer 1 1-2 3, Glass 1 0-0 2. Totals: 27 9-19 66.

#### St. Joseph's—16

Youngmark 0 0-1 0, Authier 0 2-5 2, Bassett 1 0-0 2, Caswell 0 0-0 0, Bevilaqua 1 0-0 2, Emigh 0 0-0 0, Legaspi 2 1-3 5, Weiss 1 1-2 3, Weyant 0 2-2 2. Totals: 5 6-13 16.

Three-pointers: Fowler, Clarkson, O'Shell.

#### Score by Quarters

Glendale	19	22	18	7—66
St. Joseph's	4	5	4	3—16

Glendale—66



# January 13, 2014: Glendale 53 at West Branch 55

By Jaclyn Yingling  
Sports Editor

**ALLPORT** — With a combined 66 turnovers, it's no surprise that the Glendale and West Branch girls basketball game came down to the final shot.

The Lady Warriors' Jalee Rockey got a hold of the ball with nine seconds to go and drove down the court, dumping in a layup just as the buzzer sounded, giving West Branch the 55-53 victory on Tuesday.

The bucket was the culmination of a 10-point rally with four minutes to play by the Lady Warriors, who trailed almost the entire second half.

Junior point guard Taylor Pedmo, who had nine points through three quarters, took control of the game in the fourth, scoring 12 points in the frame to help lead her team to victory.

"She took it strong to the hole," said West Branch head coach Dan Socash. "She has a lot of job responsibility being a point guard in her first year. She's working at it and she is getting better."

"I think she is finding a comfortable medium between being the point guard and the facilitator and the driver. Tonight, she took over and made some shots. We needed that."

Pedmo also got help from teammates Rockey and Alaina Speigle, who all had key buckets in the final eight minutes. Speigle knocked down a foul shot to tie the game at 53-53.

Rockey finished the night with 18 points, while Speigle had nine points and team-high 12 rebounds.

"We put the press on and it started working," Socash said. "We started being aggressive, and sometimes teams play not to win. And, I've been there. But I think Glendale was tentative, so we fed on that."

"I let it go, even though I was worried about fouls. We were getting the steals off of that. We need to continue to try and play well."

While the Lady Warriors were getting big games from three of their key players, the Lady Vikings were struggling.

Reserve player Alisha Plummer kept Glendale in the game, scoring nine points after coming off the bench. Starter Shannon Ricketts had the team's other four points in the frame,

going 4-for-4 from the free throw line. She finished the night with 20 points.

"This is basically the story of our season thus far," said Lady Vikings head coach John Matchock. "We play in spurts. We will play good basketball, then the next couple of minutes we will take off. We turn the ball over and we don't rebound. It's frustrating, because we see how well they can play."

"Then they just stop. I don't know what the answer is. We tried breaking it down into quarters. Let's win this quarter and then this quarter. We are just very inconsistent."

Glendale started out with a lead in the first, before West Branch clawed back to take an 18-16 lead at the end of the frame.

The Lady Warriors took a big hit in the first when starter Breana Hayward was called for her fourth foul with 46.9 seconds left in the first.

Hayward sat out the rest of the first half before fouling out with 6:22 to go in the third.

"They fought and grinded it out," said Socash. "You have to give the girls credit for fighting without her (Hayward). Leanna (Prinkey) fought through being sore, too. This is only her third game back in a year, and she is rusty. She is going to get more agile and better and better."

Prinkey did a good job on the boards in the second quarter, and was one of the main reasons, along with Speigle, that the Lady Warriors took a lead midway through the second quarter. Prinkey finished the game with nine rebounds.

But Glendale started to find a rhythm right before the half, as they forced several turnovers to take a 26-23 advantage.

The Lady Vikings kept the lead through the third, despite West Branch tying the game at 28-28 on a putback by Speigle, who made the biggest impact coming off the bench.

"I consider her a starter," Socash said. "She was rebounding and she was assertive on the post. She knocked down some nice clutch foul shots for us to tie it up. That was a big."

Glendale closed out the frame with an 8-2 run to take a 40-32 lead into the final frame.

The Lady Vikings did lose starter Anna Fowler with 26.3 seconds to go after she picked up her fifth foul.

West Branch opened up the fourth with a bucket from Rockey and two free throws from Speigle to cut the lead to 40-36.

Glendale looked to seal the game when Plummer went on a 6-0 run of her own to widen the lead to 46-36.

"We ran into some foul trouble in the fourth quarter, so it was nice to see that she could come in and contribute," Matchock said. "She put some points on the board and played good defense."

"But we need other people to do that. We just can't have one person doing it at a time. We need five people to be playing smart basketball all at once. We just don't have that right now."

With four minutes to play, the Lady Warriors turned up the press and were successful in creating several Lady Viking turnovers.

The Lady Warriors also stole an inbounds pass from Glendale and got it to a streaking Rockey, who layed it in to trim the game to 46-44.

West Branch tied the game at 46-46 on two foul shots by Pedmo with 3:38 to play.

Ricketts countered with two free throws of her own to give Glendale the lead back, but it was short-lived as Pedmo got another steal and took it to the hoop, tying the game at 48-48.

Glendale took the lead one final time when Ricketts knocked down two more foul shots to give her team a 53-52 lead with 1:08 to go.

But the bottom fell out for the Lady Vikings after that, as West Branch forced two turnovers, including one that resulted in Speigle going to the line after being fouled.

next game, it's someone different," Matchock said. "We need some consistency. And, we aren't getting that right now."

"It's frustrating for the coaches and for the players. Hopefully, something turns around here."

Glendale had a shot to win the game with 27.1 seconds to go when it forced a turnover, but West Branch regrouped and got a turnover of its own leading to the Rockey bucket.

"We had the game won," Matchock said. "We have to give credit to West Branch. They kept fighting, but we let them back in the game. We were up by 10 at one point and just kept turning over the ball."

Amber Matier led Glendale with eight rebounds, while Fowler had seven.

"I feel bad for Glendale losing that way, because I thought they played pretty good, too," Socash said. "We turned the ball over a lot, and we are young. They turned the ball over a lot, and they are young."

"I thought they played really well, too. I just think we scored two more points."

West Branch improved to 3-7 overall, 3-1 in the Moshannon Valley League and 2-4 in the Inter-County Conference. The Lady Warriors host Philipsburg-Osceola this evening in a varsity-only game beginning at 7.

Glendale dropped to 2-8 overall, 1-2 in the MVL and 0-6 in the ICC. The Lady Vikings host Claysburg-Kimmel on Friday.

The junior varsity game was won by Glendale, 36-21.

## Glendale—53

Matier 4 0-0 8, Lukehart 0 0-0 0, Fowler 1 3-4 5, Clarkson 0 0-0 0, O'Shell 3 3-5 9, Plummer 5 1-2 11, Ricketts 8 4-5 20. Totals: 21 11-16 53.

## West Branch—55

Pedmo 7 7-10 21, Hayward 1 0-0 2, Rockey 7 3-4 18, Prinkey 0 1-2 1, Milliron 1 0-0 2, Speigle 3 3-6 9, Ceprih 1 0-0 2. Totals: 20 14-22 55.

Three-pointers: Rockey.

## Score by Quarters

Glendale	16	10	14	13—53
West Branch	18	5	9	23—55



## January 16, 2014: Claysburg 55 at Glendale 36

### Glendale falls to C-K

FLINTON — The Glendale girls basketball team lost to visiting Claysburg-Kimmel, 55-36, on Friday evening.

The Lady Vikings only trailed by eight after three quarters, but were outscored, 15-4, in the final stanza.

Cierra O'Shell led Glendale with 14 points, while Shannon Ricketts recorded 12.

The Lady Vikings dropped to 3-9 overall and 0-7 in the Inter-County Conference.

Glendale is back in action Monday at Bellwood-Antis.

#### Claysburg-Kimmel—55

Glass 6 2-3 17, Burk 4 1-2 11, C. Imler 1 0-0 2, Locke 1 0-0 2, Weiland 7 3-5 17, Fickes 0 0-0 0, Acker 2 2-4 6, Walter 0 0-0 0, K. Imler 0 0-0 0, Sell 0 0-0 0. Totals: 21 8-14 55.

#### Glendale—36

McClellan 0 1-2 1, Matier 2 0-0 4, Wimberly 0 0-0 0, Lukehart 0 0-0 0, Fowler 0 0-2 0, Clarkson 1 0-0 2, Gallaher 0 0-0 0, Krepps 0 0-0 0, Johnston 1 1-1 3, O'Shell 6 0-1 14, Plummer 0 0-0 0, Ricketts 6 0-0 12, Glass 0 0-0 0. Totals: 16 2-6 36.

Three-pointers: Glass 3, Burk 2; O'Shell 2.

#### Score by Quarters

Claysburg-Kimmel	8	18	14	15—55
Glendale	12	4	16	4—36

## January 19, 2014: Glendale 27 at Bellwood 84

### Glendale downed by B-A

BELLWOOD —The Glendale girls basketball team lost to host Bellwood-Antis, 84-27, on

Monday evening.

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Cierra O'Shell led the Lady Vikings with 11 points.

Glendale fell to 3-10 overall and 0-8 in the Inter-County Conference. The Lady Blue Devils improved to 8-0 in ICC play.

Bellwood-Antis won the jayvee game, 61-25. Makenzie Lukehart's nine points led Glendale.

The Lady Vikings are back in action Thursday, playing host to Mount Union in varsity-only action at 7 p.m.

#### Glendale—27

McClellan 0 0-0 0, Matier 1 0-0 2, Lukehart 1 0-0 2, Fowler 0 0-0 0, Clarkson 1 0-0 2, Gallaher 0 0-0 0, Krepps 0 0-0 0, Johnston 0 0-0 0, O'Shell 5 0-0 11, Ricketts 3 0-0 8, Glass 0 0-0 0. Totals: 12 0-0 27.

#### Bellwood-Antis—84

Swogger 10 0-0 26, Leamer 4 0-0 9, A. Hollen 7 3-3 17, Damiano 2 5-6 9, Carles 2 0-0 4, Showalter 0 0-0 0, Lynn 6 0-0 12, Claar 0 0-0 0, T. Hollen 1 0-0 2, Branstetter 1 0-0 2, Stevens 1 0-0 3, Whaley 0 0-0 0, Leidig 0 0-0 0, Wilt 0 0-0 0. Totals: 34 8-9 84.

Three-pointers: Ricketts 2, O'Shell; Swogger 6, Leamer, Stevens.

#### Score by Quarters

Glendale	7	2	14	4—27
Bellwood-Antis	32	30	13	9—84

## January 22, 2014: Mt. Union 46 at Glendale 56

### Glendale topples MU

FLINTON — The Glendale girls basketball team picked up its first Inter-County Conference win of the season with a 56-46 triumph over visiting Mount Union on Thursday night.

The Lady Vikings rode a 21-point second quarter to take a 10-point lead into halftime and were able to keep pace with the Lady Trojans in the second half.

Shannon Ricketts led the Lady Vikings with 20 points, while Cierra O'Shell (12) and Amber Matier (10) added double digits in the win.

Glendale is back in action

Monday at Williamsburg.

#### Mount Union—46

Morder 2 0-1 4, Roher 0 1-2 1, Aponte 0 0-0 0, Knable 1 1-2 4, White 8 8-14 26, Clayborn 1 0-5 2, MacDonald 0 0-0 0, Stewart 1 2-3 4, McCaulley 2 1-3 5. Totals: 15 13-30 46.

#### Glendale—56

Matier 4 2-3 10, Lukehart 1 0-0 2, Fowler 2 0-0 5, Clarkson 2 0-0 5, Johnston 0 0-0 0, O'Shell 6 0-0 12, Plummer 1 0-1 2, Ricketts 7 5-6 20. Totals: 23 7-10 56.

Three-pointers: White 2, Knable; Fowler, Clarkson, Ricketts.

#### Score by Quarters

Mount Union	7	14	10	15—46
Glendale	10	21	12	13—56



## January 28, 2014: Glendale 33 at Curwensville 50

**By Jaclyn Yingling Sports Editor**

CURWENSVILLE - It was hard to find something wrong with Curwensville's game on Wednesday night as it hosted Glendale in a Moshannon Valley League girls basketball matchup.

The Lady Tide came out hot in the first quarter and used the momentum to down the Lady Vikings, 50-33.

Curwensville scored 22 points in the first quarter, as Ciara Strickland knocked down four treys and scored 16 of her 24 points in the frame.

"We came out and were able to put the ball in the basket," said Lady Tide head coach Rusty McCracken. "We were aided by Ciara hitting some pretty long shots. It set the tone for the rest of the game offensively for us. We just played well tonight.

"Hannah (Dixon) had a good game, too. She had the first four points of the game, which takes a little bit of your defensive strategy away if you are trying to run the box-and-2. People are finishing the shots for you."

Glendale struggled to contain Strickland most of the first half. She and Dixon put on a show for the hometown fans in the first two quarters, as the combined to score 30 of the team's 35 points.

The Lady Vikings also looked to be good offensively early on, but went cold after 3-pointers from Anna Fowler and Cierra O'Shell that gave them a 6-4 lead.

"Every game we go through this, where we just have that one quarter, and tonight it was in the first quarter," said Glendale head coach John Matchock.

"We made the first couple of baskets and then just went cold.

"That set the tone for the game. We got in that hole and couldn't dig ourselves out. We got close, but just couldn't get that run to get us back into the game. It's been the story of our season."

After the Lady Tide took a 35-19 lead into locker room at the half, the Lady Viking defense seemed to pick up its game.

Glendale's Lauryn Clarkson and Alisha Plummer split duties on Strickland, holding her to just three points in the final 16 minutes.

Still, the Lady Vikings could not get their offense going, even on turnovers, of which they forced 17.

"Our defense played a lot better in the second half," Matchock said. "We limited them to 15 points. But when you get turnovers, you have to capitalize on it, and we turned the ball over or couldn't make a shot.

"We were getting wide-open shots and couldn't finish."

Curwensville also struggled some with its offense, but the large advantage at the half meant the game was never in doubt. The Lady Tide outscored Glendale, 9-6, in the third quarter, thanks to two buckets from Shauna Guy.

Guy, Dixon and Christine Limbert were also big presences under the hoop.

Limbert finished the night with 12 rebounds, while Dixon had seven and Guy added four.

"It's probably the first time we've had a little bit of a height advantage," said McCracken. "We did take advantage of it. Christine has a little boo-boo on her finger, but she was still able to do a lot of damage underneath.

"It was a solid game."

The rebounding and boxing out made a difference for the Lady Tide, who struggled to get Strickland or Dixon open.

But in the end, it was the cold shooting that doomed the Lady Vikings.

"We couldn't box out, especially in the second half," said Matchock. "They were getting three and five opportunities, and you can't win basketball games like that.

"On offense, we would get one shot and be done. On defense, we couldn't grab a rebound and we just jump.

"We are probably one of the shortest teams around right now, and it isn't cutting it."

Glendale did outscore Curwensville, 8-6, in the final frame, but the Lady Tide played the last 1:06 without Strickland, who took a nasty fall during a collision after going to the hoop.

Strickland stayed down for several seconds before she was helped off the court by athletic trainer Trevor Kephart and McCracken.

"I think she will be alright," McCracken said. "It just kind of scared her and there was a twist (of the ankle). It looked a lot worse than it hopefully is."

Neither team was able to get going after the injury, setting the final at 50-33.

Dixon ended the game with 15 points, while Strickland finished with six rebounds.

O'Shell led Glendale with 10 points, while Fowler was tops in rebounds with nine. Clarkson added seven rebounds.

Glendale dropped to 4-11 overall and 1-3 in the MVL. The Lady Vikings host Moshannon Valley this evening.

Curwensville improved to 10-5 overall and 5-0 in the league. The Lady Tide host Johnsonburg on Friday.

Glendale won the junior varsity game, 42-16. Meghan Krepps led the Lady Vikings with 12 points, while Sydney Gallaher added 10. Kristina McCracken led the Lady Tide with six.

### Glendale-33

Matier 3 0-1 6, Lukehart 2 1-2 5, Fowler 1 1-4 4, Clarkson 1 0-0 2, Johnston 0 0-0 0, O'Shell 4 0-0 10, Plummer 1 0-0 2, Ricketts 2 0-0 4. Totals: 14 2-7 33.

### Curwensville-50

Thorp 1 1-2 3, Dixon 7 1-1 15, Limbert 2 0-4 4, Strickland 9 0-0 24, Guy 2 0-0 4, Richards 0 0-0 0, McCracken 0 0-0 0, Sedgwick 0 0-0 0. Totals: 21 2-7 50.

Three-pointers: O'Shell 2, Fowler; Strickland 6.

### Score by Quarters

Glendale 11 8 6 8-33

Curwensville 22 13 9 6-50



## Lady Vikings top Damsels

By Jon Christoff  
Sports Writer

FLINTON — After coming up short in its two previous contests with Moshannon Valley, the Glendale girls basketball team was finally able to get past one of its biggest rivals.

The Lady Vikings kept up on the boards and weathered a foul-happy defensive effort, as they were able to outscore the Damsels 15-9 in a decisive fourth quarter for a 39-33 victory on Saturday night in Flinton.

"They always say when you play a team three times and they beat you two," said Glendale head coach John Matchock, "that it's hard to win the third time. You just get so familiar with each other. We studied film, we practiced what to expect and we played fairly good defense.

"We actually boxed out for the most part this time, and I told them that was the one key and we actually pulled it off today."

Mo Valley had a big lead in the first meeting between the schools on Dec. 23, while the Lady Vikings returned the favor a week later at the Williamsburg tournament. Despite the deficit in the second game, the Damsels were still able to emerge victorious.

The third time around was different, however, as neither team was able to gain much separation and the outcome was determined at the foul line.

Glendale committed its seventh team foul, giving Mo Valley the bonus the rest of the game, at the 3:01 mark of the third quarter and the Damsels took the opportunity and ran with it.

Mo Valley made the Lady Vikings pay by getting to the charity stripe 19 times in the second half. Luckily for Glendale, the Damsels had trouble converting.

"We were just playing lazy," Matchock said. "We weren't moving our feet and we were just playing with our hands. The refs were calling it and, luckily for us, Mo Valley was just having one of those days where they couldn't make a foul shot. The way our season has been going — we've been up and down — we'll take any win we can get."

Even though the Damsels made more attempts (13) than their counterparts attempted (12), a less-than-50-percent effort sealed Mo Valley's fate.

The Damsels ended the contest with 16 misses in 29 attempts.

"That was the big difference," said Mo Valley head coach Mary Jo Kitko. "We were 13-of-29 and that was about it.

"It's very difficult to play a team three times. We knew they'd be gunning for us. We thought we had a good strategy coming in. We kept the game low scoring, which (we wanted because) we were working on defense."

After an Anna Fowler bucket early in the second quarter helped Glendale pull even at 7, neither team was able to lead by more than four points until the Lady Vikings pulled away in the last two and a half minutes.

Glendale took advantage of Hannah Kitko, Moshannon Valley's leading scorer, fouling out of the game with 5:24 to go,

as it outscored the Damsels 11-6 down the stretch.

"It hurt that Hannah was out most of the last quarter of the game," coach Kitko said. "We just didn't shoot the ball well on offense. We're missing shots underneath still, and we shouldn't be at this late in the season.

"We didn't rebound as well as we should have either ... and that hurt us because it allowed them to get a few extra shots. That was the difference in the game — that and the foul shots."

Cierra O'Shell's 3-pointer opened the scoring for the Lady Viking's following Kitko drawing her fifth foul, while Shannon Ricketts, Amber Matier and Fowler all added points to help Glendale salvage the last game of the season series.

Matier led all players with 12 points, 10 of which came in the second half. Fowler, O'Shell and Ricketts each added seven.

"The last time we played them," said Matchock, "(Ally) Kronenwetter and (Haley) Stodart killed us on the boards. This time we played them even, and maybe even outrebounded them. That goes to show you if you outrebound someone and control your turnovers that you'll win a lot of games."

Kronenwetter paced the Damsels with 11 points and ended the game with half (5) of her team's total field goals (10).

Both teams are back in action this evening. Mo Valley will entertain Williamsburg, while Glendale travels to face Juniata Valley.

"We've been playing other teams tough," Matchock said,

"but we always have that one quarter where we slack off. Beating Mo Valley ... this is the last time we'll see them, obviously, and it's always a little momentum going into your next game having beaten your rivals. The girls were excited and the coaches were excited. We pulled it off today."

### Moshannon Valley—33

Kolesar 2 0-2 4, Kitko 0 4-6 4, Matchock 0 0-3 0, Stodart 1 3-4 5, Smith 2 3-6 7, Kronenwetter 5 1-4 11, Harlow 0 2-4 2. Totals: 10 13-29 33.

### Glendale—39

Fowler 2 3-5 7, O'Shell 3 0-1 7, Clarkson 1 0-2 2, Matier 5 2-2 12, Plummer 2 0-0 4, Lukehart 0 0-0 0, Ricketts 3 1-2 7. Totals: 16 6-12 39.

Three-pointers: O'Shell.

### Score by Quarters

Mo Valley	7	12	5	9—33
Glendale	5	11	8	15—39



## Curwensville tops Glendale

FLINTON — Shauna Guy poured in a career-high 19 points as Curwensville toppled Glendale in a Moshannon Valley League girls basketball clash, 55-43.

Teammate Hannah Dixon had 19 points and 12 rebounds for the Lady Tide, while Christine Limbert added 10 rebounds and eight points. Heather Thorp had six assists.

Glendale led at the half, but Curwensville answered back in the final two quarters to improve to 11-6 on the season and 6-0 in the MVL.

The Lady Vikings were paced by Shannon Ricketts and Amber Matier, who each had 10 points.

Glendale dropped to 5-12 overall and 2-4 in the MVL. The Lady Vikings host West Branch this

evening.

Curwensville returns to action on Friday, hosting Kane.

In jayvee action, Glendale came out on top, 42-10. Meghan Krepps led the victors with 16 points. Nichole Warmuth had eight for the Lady Tide.

### Curwensville—55

Thorp 1 1-2 3, Dixon 7 4-6 19, Limbert 4 0-2 8, Strickland 3 0-0 6, Guy 9 1-5 19. Totals: 23 6-13 55.

### Glendale—43

Matier 5 0-0 10, Lukehart 2 0-0 5, Fowler 2 1-2 5, Clarkson 1 0-2 2, Gallaher 0 0-0 0, Johnston 0 0-0 0, O'Shell 3 0-0 7, Plummer 1 0-0 2, Ricketts 5 0-0 10, Glass 1 0-0 2. Totals: 20 1-4 43.

Three-pointers: Dixon; Lukehart, O'Shell.

### Score by Quarters

Curwensville	15	9	12	19—55
Glendale	9	16	7	11—43



## February 5, 2014: West Branch 31 at Glendale 51

### Glendale girls upend West Branch, 51-31

By Jaclyn Yingling  
Sports Editor

FLINTON — On Jan. 13, the Glendale girls basketball team blew a 10-point lead late in the fourth quarter at West Branch and fell 55-53.

On Thursday evening, the Lady Vikings were determined to avoid the same mistakes, building on a 10-point lead late to take the 51-31 victory.

"We were in the same situation last time down at West Branch," said Glendale head coach John Matchock. "It was a tight third quarter, but in the fourth quarter, I called a timeout and told the girls, 'This is the spot we were in last time.' We were up by 10 down there and ended up losing."

"The girls rose up tonight and we wanted it more. We were able to come out to win."

A big part of the Lady Vikings' success came down to the play of Shannon Ricketts and Anna Fowler. Ricketts led all



Ricketts

scorers with 22 points, while Fowler was tops in rebounds with 17.

"Since we are so undersized, we are always preaching to box out," Matchock said. "Each game we are get-

ting better and better and closing that rebounding gap. And, tonight, that was the key."

"I think we did a great job rebounding. That's probably one of the best games we have had all season."

Ricketts hadn't been scoring as much for the Lady Vikings in the last couple of games, scoring seven in a win over Mo Valley and just four in a loss to Curwensville.

"Shannon had been struggling the past couple of games, but you could tell last game she was starting to feel it again," said

Matchock. "And, tonight she was on."

"That's what we need. She's our leader when it comes to scoring points. When she is on, it gets everyone else feeling good about themselves and the confidence comes out."

While Ricketts and Fowler helped Glendale overcome its 30 turnovers, West Branch struggled to do anything with the ball once the Lady Vikings turned it over.

"We are working on it," said Lady Warriors head coach Dan Socash. "We just don't have the strength yet. We are not a strong team. I don't want to say ball handling, but just the strength with the ball."

"We get a nice steal and bring it to the spot. Then we get a little hit and we fumble it. That's one of our issues."

West Branch did take a 14-11 lead after the first quarter, thanks to two treys from Jalee Rockey and four points from



Fowler

Breana Hayward.

But Glendale bounced back to outscore the Lady Warriors, 11-6, in the second frame and take a 22-20 lead into the locker room.

Both teams went into halftime with starters in foul trouble, including Glendale, who had to sit Amber Matier after two quick fouls.

That gave sophomore Meghan Krepps a chance to get into the game. She scored three points in the second quarter, enough to help her team take the lead.

"I told the girls before the game started that these officials would call the game tight, and they did," Matchock said.

"We had some girls come off the bench and play really well. That was Meghan Krepps' first tight varsity experience, and she did good. She made some clutch baskets and free throws, and that's what we needed."

Glendale went on a 4-0 run to start the third, but West Branch responded to cut the lead to 26-24. The Lady Vikings got several wide-open looks at the bucket in the frame, and led 34-28 heading into the final eight minutes.

"I have to give Glendale credit," Socash said. "They were hustling in there and grabbing rebounds and everything. I don't know if we get tired or what. Maybe that's why our shots are falling flat."

The Lady Vikings turned up the heat in the fourth quarter, taking advantage of several West Branch turnovers.

Glendale went on a 9-0 run to start the frame before West Branch's Taylor Pedmo scored a bucket with 4:45 to go in the game.

The Lady Warriors scored just one more point after that as the Lady Vikings closed out the game on an 8-0 run to set the final at 51-31.

"The fourth quarter was, I don't know, we turned the ball over and couldn't shoot," Socash

said. "We got looks but nothing fell. We have to make our layups and make better passes."

"We did that in the first half. We took better care of the ball in the first half because we were aggressive. But that second half, we just clammed up and Glendale just hit everything."

"We force the ball too much. We've done that all year. We force it when we are up. It's going to be a process of learning. We will just keep working on it."

West Branch fell to 3-14 overall, 3-3 in the MVL and 2-9 in the ICC.

The Lady Warriors travel to Harmony this afternoon for a varsity only game beginning at 4:15 p.m.

Glendale improved to 6-12 overall, 3-4 in the Moshannon Valley League and 3-8 in the Inter-County Conference.

The Lady Vikings travel to Williamsburg this evening.

**West Branch—31**

Rockey 3 0-1 8, Hayward 1 2-2 4, Pedmo 4 0-0 8, Prinkey 2 2-2 6, Milliron 1 0-1 2, Speigle 0 1-3 1, Ceprish 1 0-1 2, Orichosky 0 0-0 0, Betts 0 0-0 0. Totals: 12 5-10 31.

**Glendale—51**

Matier 1 0-0 2, Lukehart 1 0-1 2, Fowler 1 4-8 6, Clarkson 0 0-0 0, Krepps 1 1-2 3, Johnston 0 0-0 0, O'Shell 6 2-6 15, Plummer 0 1-4 1, Ricketts 10 2-2 22. Totals: 20 10-23 51.

Three-pointers: Rockey 2; O'Shell.

**Score by Quarters**

West Branch	14	6	8	3—31
Glendale	11	11	12	17—51



## February 6, 2014: Glendale 25 at Williamsburg 63

Williamsburg .....63

Glendale .....25

WILLIAMSBURG — Senior Randilyn Peck delivered 27 points and 12 rebounds to help Williamsburg roll past Glendale.

Madison Detwiler contributed 12 points and 15 rebounds for the Lady Pirates, who jumped out to a 23-2 advantage after one quarter.

Shannon Ricketts scored 13 points for Glendale.

GLENDAL (25): McClellan 0 0-0 0, Matier 1 0-0 2, Lukehart 0 1-6 1, Clarkson 0 0-0 0, Gallaher 0 0-0 0, Krepps 0 1-2 1, O'Shell 3 0-0 6, Plummer 1 0-0 2, Ricketts 6 0-0 13, Glass 0 0-0 0. Totals — 11 2-8 25.  
WILLIAMSBURG (63): Detwiler 6 0-0 12, Peck 11 5-7 27, Plumley 4 1-1 9, Simpson 0 0-0 0, Bookhammer 4 0-0 8, Wombacher 0 0-0 0, Mikesic 0 0-0 0, Brown 0 0-0 0, England 0 0-0 0, Joergensen

## February 9, 2014: Glendale 34 at Claysburg 57

### Lady Vikings downed

CLAYSBURG — The Glendale girls basketball team dropped a 57-34 decision to host Claysburg-Kimmel on Monday.

Lauryn Clarkson paced the Lady Vikings with 13 points.

Glendale fell to 6-14 overall and 3-10 in the Inter-County Conference.

There was no jayvee game.

Glendale is back in action Thursday, playing host to Harmony for a varsity-only matchup at 6 p.m.

Glendale—34

McClellan 0 0-0 0, Matier 1 0-0 2, Lukehart 0 0-0 0, Fowler 1 2-2 4, Clarkson 4 2-2 13, Gallaher 0 0-0 0, Krepps 0 0-0 0, O'Shell 2 1-2 6, Plummer 1 0-0 2, Ricketts 3 0-0 7, N. Glass 0 0-0 0. Totals: 12 5-9 34.

Claysburg-Kimmel—57

Glass 3 2-2 10, Burk 5 0-0 12, Locke 0 0-0 0, Acker 15 1-3 31, Imler 1 0-0 2, Fickes 1 0-0 2, Walter 0 0-0 0, Sell 0 0-0 0. Totals: 25 3-5 57.

Three-pointers: Clarkson 3, O'Shell, Ricketts; Glass 2, Burk 2.

Score by Quarters

Glendale	5	12	5	12	34
Claysburg-Kimmel	12	15	13	17	57



## February 12, 2014: Harmony 34 at Glendale 51

### Glendale downs Harmony

FLINTON — The Glendale girls basketball team finished out its Moshannon Valley League slate with a 52-34 victory over Harmony on Thursday.

The Lady Vikings were led by Shannon Ricketts' 14 points. Amber Matier added 12 and Sydney Gallaher scored 11 points off the bench.

"It was a good win for us," said Glendale head coach John Matchock. "Sydney did a good job coming off the bench for us, too. It was nice to finish out the Mo Valley League with a victory."

The Lady Vikings outscored the Lady Owls, 20-6, in the third quarter to help extend a six-point halftime lead.

Joleen Brink paced Harmony with 14 points.

The Lady Owls dropped to

3-17 overall and 1-7 in the MVL. Harmony travels to Northern Cambria this evening.

Glendale improved to 7-14 overall and 4-4 in the MVL. The Lady Vikings travel to Juniata Valley on Saturday.

#### Harmony—34

Hauser 1 0-0 2, Dyda 2 0-0 4, Rowles 1 0-1 2, Brink 3 8-16 14, Nalley 0 0-0 0, Boring 0 0-0 0, Clark 0 0-0 0, Egar 0 0-0 0, Brown 1 1-2 3, Hull 0 0-0 0, McKee 4 1-2 9. Totals: 12 10-21 34.

#### Glendale—52

McClellan 0 0-0 0, Matier 6 0-0 12, Wimberly 0 1-2 1, Lukehart 0 0-0 0, Clarkson 2 1-3 5, Gallaher 5 1-2 11, Krepps 0 0-0 0, Johnston 0 0-1 0, O'Shell 4 0-0 9, Ricketts 6 2-2 14, Glass 0 0-0 0. Totals: 23 5-10 52.

Three-pointers: O'Shell.

#### Score by Quarters

Harmony	10	9	6	9—34
Glendale	12	13	20	7—52



Photo by Jon Christoff

Glendale's Amber Matier (3) looks to pass the ball during Thursday's game as Harmony's Josie McKee, left, defends. Also pictured is the Lady Owls' Shannon Dyda.

## February 14, 2014: Glendale 21 at Juniata Valley 54

### Lady Vikings downed, 54-21

ALEXANDRIA — The Glendale girls basketball team closed out the 2014-15 season Saturday with a 54-21 loss at Juniata Valley.

Shannon Ricketts scored seven points to lead the Lady Vikings.

Glendale finished the campaign with a record of 7-15 overall and 3-11 in the Inter-County Conference.

Juniata Valley edged the Lady Vikings in the jayvee game, 25-23.

Makenzie Lukehart scored 10 in the loss.

#### Glendale—21

McClellan 0 0-0 0, Matier 1 0-0 2, Lukehart 2 0-0 4, Clarkson 0 0-3 0, Gallaher 2 2-2 6, Krepps 0 0-0 0, Johnston 0 0-0 0, Plummer 0 2-4 2, Ricketts 2 3-4 7, Glass 0 0-0 0. Totals: 7 7-13 21.

#### Juniata Valley—54

Payne 4 1-2 10, Reed 2 0-0 6, B. Leidy 1 0-0 2, T. Leidy 3 1-3 7, Smith 0 0-0 0, Miller 2 3-4 7, Mattas 5 2-3 12, Johnson 2 0-2 5, Smithmyer 0 0-0 0, Belinda 0 0-0 0, Giles 1 0-0 3, Carper 0 0-0 0, Wilson 0 0-0 0, Hutchison 1 0-0 2, Woodring 0 0-0 0. Totals: 21 7-14 54.

Three-pointers: Payne, Reed 2, Johnson, Giles.

#### Score by Quarters

Glendale	8	4	2	7—21
Juniata Valley	22	9	19	4—54



# 2014-15 Progressland Girls Basketball All-Stars announced



**Shannon Ricketts**  
**Glendale**  
**First Team**

**First Team: Shannon Ricketts, Sr., Glendale:** The Lady Vikings surged to a seven-win season after struggling to find consistency during last year's 2-20 mark, and the play of Ricketts was a big reason why Glendale more than tripled its win total from a year ago.

A second team selection in 2013-14, Ricketts made the leap to the first team by tallying 269 points — the fourth-most in the area — for a 12.8 points per game average. Ricketts made just eight 3-pointers on the season, but utilized her speed to get to the basket and score double digits in 14 contests.

Ricketts posted five 20-point efforts, which included a season-high 22 against both Juniata Valley and West Branch.

Not only did Ricketts lead the Lady Vikings in points, she also got the job done on the defensive end of the floor. The Glendale senior averaged two steals per game after recording 43 steals to go along with 33 assists.

## Moshannon Valley League

Curwensville	8-0
Moshannon Valley	4-4
Glendale	4-4
West Branch	3-5
Harmony	1-7

## 2014-15 Progressland Girls Basketball Honor Roll

### First Team

Haylee Hayward	Philipsburg-Osceola	Junior
Hannah Kitko	Moshannon Valley	Junior
Shannon Ricketts	Glendale	Senior
Abby Showers	Philipsburg-Osceola	Senior
Ciara Strickland	Curwensville	Senior

### Second Team

Cheyenne Cowfer	Philipsburg-Osceola	Junior
Hannah Dixon	Curwensville	Sophomore
Christine Limbert	Curwensville	Sophomore
Jalee Rockey	West Branch	Junior
Emily Ryan	Clearfield	Junior

### Honorable Mention

Joleen Brink	Harmony	Senior
Bethany Folmar	Clearfield Alliance	Sophomore
Rachel Glenn	Clearfield	Junior
Tarra Hauser	Harmony	Sophomore
Ally Kronenwetter	Moshannon Valley	Senior
Cierra O'Shell	Glendale	Sophomore
Taylor Pedmo	West Branch	Junior
Heather Thorp	Curwensville	Senior

### Player of the Year

Ciara Strickland, Curwensville

### Coach of the Year

Rusty McCracken, Curwensville

## INDIVIDUAL

### Scoring

(Must have 15 GP to qualify)

Name	FG	3s	FTM	Pts.	Avg.
Strickland (CU)	196	58	76	526	21.9
Showers (PO)	154	33	80	421	19.1
Hayward (PO)	100	17	60	277	13.2
Ricketts (G)	117	8	27	269	12.8
Kitko (MV)	81	28	71	261	11.9
Rockey (WB)	87	36	28	238	10.8
Cowfer (PO)	88	40	19	235	10.7
Dixon (CU)	88	8	44	228	10.4
Pedmo (WB)	88	10	40	226	10.3
Hauser (H)	85	1	22	193	9.7
Glenny (CL)	78	0	43	199	9.5
Ryan (CL)	84	1	36	205	9.3
O'Shell (G)	80	21	9	190	9.0

### Free Throw Percentage

(Must have 40 FTA to qualify)

Name	FTM	FTA	Pct.
Strickland (CU)	76	102	74.5
Hayward (PO)	60	90	66.7
Kitko (MV)	71	107	66.4
Showers (PO)	80	122	65.6
Smith (MV)	25	41	61.0
Dixon (CU)	44	74	59.5
Pedmo (WB)	40	68	58.8
Kolesar (MV)	26	45	57.8
Ricketts (G)	27	47	57.4
Ryan (CL)	36	63	57.1

### Three-pointers per game

(Must have 15 GP to qualify)

Name	GP	3s	Avg.
Strickland (CU)	24	58	2.4
Cowfer (PO)	22	40	1.8
Rockey (WB)	22	36	1.6
Showers (PO)	22	33	1.5
Kitko (MV)	22	28	1.3
O'Shell (G)	21	21	1.0

## Rebounding

Name	GP	Rebs.	Avg.
Limbert (CU)	24	313	13.0
Glenny (CL)	21	192	9.1
Hayward (PO)	21	191	9.1
Kronenwetter (MV)	22	193	8.8
Speigle (WB)	22	158	7.2
Showers (PO)	22	147	6.7
Brink (H)	20	129	6.5
Hayward (WB)	21	130	6.2
Guy (CU)	22	130	5.9
Stodart (MV)	21	123	5.9
Fowler (G)	19	111	5.8
Matier (G)	22	123	5.6
Strickland (CU)	24	134	5.6

## TEAM

### Scoring Offense

Team	GP	Pts.	Avg.
P-O	22	1183	53.8
Curwensville	24	1167	48.6
Glendale	22	938	42.6
Harmony	20	795	39.8
Mo Valley	22	865	39.3
Clearfield	22	840	38.2
West Branch	22	775	35.2
CACS	14	269	19.2

### Scoring Defense

Team	GP	Pts.	Avg.
CACS	14	392	28.0
Curwensville	24	1007	42.0
Mo Valley	22	1065	48.4
Glendale	22	1073	48.8
Harmony	20	1010	50.5
West Branch	22	1140	51.8
Clearfield	22	1141	51.9
P-O	22	1200	54.5

### Free Throw Percentage

Team	FTM	FTA	Pct.
P-O	192	335	57.3
Curwensville	200	366	54.6
Mo Valley	197	366	53.8
Clearfield	149	312	47.8
Glendale	103	223	46.2
West Branch	133	288	46.2
Harmony	133	308	43.2
CACS	32	120	26.7



<b>Players</b>	<b>Points</b>	<b>Three's</b>
Shannon Ricketts	267	8
Cierra O'Shell	195	22
Amber Matier	154	1
Lauryn Clarkson	90	10
Anna Fowler	68	7
Makenzie Lukehart	56	5
Alisha Plummer	42	0
Sydney Gallaher	19	0
Meghan Krepps	17	0
Kianna Johnston	14	0
Niki Glass	8	0
Jaslynn Wimberly	5	0
Meghan McClellan	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>53</b>