

Scots slow Chargers in second half of victory



Caledonia junior Lakely Bottum (34) elevates in the paint over Chargers' senior Carli VanDerSchaaf (14) and junior Avery DeVries (32) for a layup in the first half Tuesday night at Caledonia High School. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

The Fighting Scots shut down the Chargers in the second half Tuesday night. The Caledonia varsity girls' basketball team moved its season record to 2-1 with a 52-43 win over Covenant Christian at Caledonia High School. The Scots held the Chargers to just 12 points in the second half after going into halftime with the Chargers holding a 31-30 lead. Junior guard Lily Gortmaker had 16 points and ten rebounds for the Fighting Scots. She was one of three Scots in double figures.

Lakely Bottum had 14 points and Mackenzie Devries finished with 13. Devries knocked down three three-pointers and also dished out four assists in the contests. The Scots took advantage of their time at the free throw line, going 11-of-14. It was the first ballgame of the season that ended after four quarters. The Scots played their second straight overtime contest to start the season Friday against Lowell, falling 51-49 to the visiting Red Arrows. Caledonia head coach Todd Bloemers said it was a



Fighting Scot sophomore guard Baylee Devries (11) fires a three-point shot from deep in the corner during the first half of the contest with Covenant Christian Tuesday at Caledonia High School. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

slow-paced game in the first half with his girls holding a 15-12 lead, but the two teams found their rhythm and picked up the pace significantly in the second half. The Scots were still in front 28-24 after three quarters and quickly pushed their lead to 11 points in the first half of that fourth quarter with the help of an 8-0 run. Lowell responded to tie the game and force overtime. Caledonia had an apparent game-tying shot at the end of overtime waved off as officials ruled it was after the honor.

Kathryn Langenburg had a team-high 12 points for the Scots. Devries added nine points, Teresa Abraham had eight points and Gortmaker seven. Addie Roe and Bottum had six points apiece. Abraham added a team-high ten rebounds. The Fighting Scots are in Traverse City this weekend. They were scheduled to take on Traverse City West Friday night and will be in action this afternoon, Dec. 16, taking on Traverse City Central. Caledonia closes out the pre-holiday schedule taking on Thornapple Kellogg in Middleville Thursday.

TK grapplers fourth at Grandville Challenge

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The Thornapple Kellogg varsity wrestling team placed fourth at the Grandville Bulldog Challenge Saturday, Dec. 9. Whitehall took the tournament title with 227.5 points. Grandville was second with a score of 192 ahead of Portage Northern 118.5, Thornapple Kellogg 116, Lapeer 99 and Mt. Pleasant 93. TK got runner-up finishes from Christien Miller at 113 pounds, Dylan Pauline at 132 and Tanner Buxton at 190 pounds. Pauline and Miller are both now 6-1 overall this

season. Miller had three pins on the day and a forfeit victory in the dual with Mt. Pleasant. He suffered his first defeat of the season when he was outscored 12-6 by Lapeer's Jaylen Gosciniak. Pauline had a pin, a major decision and a forfeit win on the day to go along with a 4-2 sudden victory overtime win over Portage Northern's Caleb Bryant. Pauline's lone loss came against Whitehall's Nolan Taranko. TK's Jayce Curtis at 175 pounds, Camden Peter at 144 and Jackson Smith at 157 all placed third.

Scots battle tough foes at Greenville team tourney

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The Caledonia varsity wrestling team was held without a win Saturday at the Greenville Team Tournament. The Scots tightest dual of the day was against a Petoskey team which ultimately scored a 42-37 win. Josh Grace at 106 pounds, Ethan Berrends at 126 and James Carrow at 138 had victories for Caledonia in that dual with the Northmen. CHS also got points thanks to a major decision by Will Sheely at 157 pounds and a win by Sam DeVries at 190. Josh Grace had two pins on the day and finished 4-1 with a pair of forfeit victories too. Carrow was 3-2 on the day

with three pins. The Fighting Scots were bested 51-27 by Belding, 60-24 by Fruitport, 74-6 by Greenville and 51-24 by Hastings on the day. Greenville won it dual with the Hastings Saxons by the score of 57-9. The Yellow Jackets entered the season ranked seventh in the state in Division 2, and also defeated Fruitport 63-12, Belding 55-10 and Petoskey 66-9 Saturday. Caledonia wrestlers are a part of today's Kent County Championship at East Kentwood High School. The Scots return to action at home taking on Jenison in the first OK Red Conference dual of the season Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

TK girls pick up first Gold win over Cougars

A 28-2 victory over Grand Rapids Catholic Central at Hastings Bowl Monday moves the Thornapple Kellogg varsity girls' bowling team record to 1-1 in OK Gold Conference matches this season. The TK ladies won both Baker games and both regular games on the day to tally 20 of their 28 points. Jenna Robinett, Casey Phillips, Kenzie Chapin-Dyer and Sidney Ripley won two individual points each, and teammate Aubrie Hooten rolled well for the Trojans too. Robinett had games of 151 and 131 to lead the way for TK. Phillips scored a 132 and a 106. Chapin-Dyer tallied a 104 and a 90. Ripley scored a 1010 and a 91. Hooten had scores of 116 and 85 in her two games. The TK boys fell to 0-2 in the conference Monday with a 27-3 loss to the Cougars. Landen England won two of the Trojans' three points with games of 138 and 135.

Matthew Jore took a point for TK too with a 113. The Cougar boys won both Baker and both regular games. Dylan Lawrence was solid for TK with games of 161 and 135. Travis Grabemeyer rolled a 121 and Colten Wiest scored a 121 and a 102. TK also had Anthony Sager Wissner and Jore combined for an 81. Last Saturday, the TK girls finished tied for fifth and the TK boys eighth at the Grand Rapids Christian Invitational. The Trojan girls had high Baker games of 131 and 130 among their four Baker tries.

Robinett had a top individual game of 146. Ripley's high game was a 131, Ashleigh Norman rolled a 128 and Chapin-Dyer had a high game of 97. Aubrie Hooten tallied an 89 and Casey Phillips an 87 for her best game of the day. The TK boys had top Baker games of 150 and 149. Lawrence had the top individual game for the TK boys at 149. Myles Chambers scored a 132 for his high game of the day, Landen England had a 123, Jore a 110, Colten Wiest a 108 and Grabemeyer a top game of 108 too.



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