

Cougar hoopsters have mixed results

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Lady Cougars let 1 get away

On Friday, it took only 14 seconds for Aundrea Miller to give the Cougs the lead over the visiting Lakeview Honkers, with a shot on a drive and a foul shot. The Lady Cougars would hold that lead for most of the game, with the first period ending at 13-6. The second quarter found the hometown girls gradually pulling away with sharp offense and crisp defense. With two and a half minutes to go in the half, Lakeview called a timeout with the score at 24 to 12, but apparently hadn't found the answer yet as the half ended - Cougars 30, Lakeview 17. Everything seemed to be going fine through the third quarter, but then the wheels started coming off well into the fourth. The sizable lead had evaporated and the score was tied at 46 with 2:45 remaining in the game. Miller was able to capture the lead twice again with good foul shooting, but the Lady Cougs continued to look rattled after the Honkers hit a three-pointer. Roza Jonas tied the score again at 51 with a foul shot, but the Honkers seemed to score at will and, down by four, the Cougars were forced to use foul

strategy, but it didn't work as well this time as it has in the past and the game ended with a score of 53-57, making this current league record - three wins, one loss. Miller finished with 18 points, eight rebounds and five assists; Tori Johnson had 15 points, seven rebounds and three steals; Courtney Scott had eight points; and Aarika Brooks had seven points and nine rebounds. Saturday, the girls trounced Rogue River 52-12, where Miller had 15 points, Johnson 14 and Brooks 10. The Lady Cougars will take to the court again at home against Rogue River Tuesday and Friday against St. Mary's. The Friday home game will be "Senior Night."

Cougars find the hoop

Friday night, the Cougars took on the Lakeview Honkers at home in the Ken Mann Gymnasium. After struggling this season, the hometown boys had the fair sized crowd wondering as they got off to a slow start for the first few minutes, and then Elijah Polk hit a 2-pointer for the lead with three minutes to go in the first quarter, with a score of 7-6. With time running out in the period, Skylar McLanahan shot from 3-point land and beat the buzzer to set the



(Photo by Dan Mancuso, Illinois Valley News)

No. 4 sophomore Isaiah McLanahan looks for a rebound during the home loss to Gold Beach Saturday, Jan. 21.

score at 12-6. At the beginning of the second half, a hard McLanahan pass across the key hit a defender's hand and popped up and in for two points as if it were planned. By the middle of the second quarter, it was clear that the Cougars were hitting on all cylinders and bringing the

energy. Tanner Davis hit a couple of nifty shots and it was 29-16 at the half. After a fine show by the junior cheerleaders, McLanahan got to work and scored 11 points in the third along with some tough defense and with a buzzer beater of his own, Caleb Hess made it 43-27. Not many

points were scored in the fourth, but the Cougars relentless defense only allowed four by the Honkers. Final score - 49-31. High scorer was McLanahan with 28 points. This week brings Rogue River to town Tuesday and St. Mary's Friday for "Senior Night."

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