

Elkton flips the switch against Mapleton to record victory

Elks get second victory of season over Sailors before falling to Lowell during Invitational

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A fast start paired with the team turning it on late when it mattered resulted in the Elkton boys beating Mapleton 46-32 last Friday at the North Douglas Invitational.

After having a comfortable double-digit lead from the sec-

ond-quarter on, the Sailors cut the deficit to single digits half-way through the fourth quarter. The Elkton offense had stalled and the team was being outscored 9-4 on the quarter. After a timeout, the team flipped the switch on both ends of the court and put together an 8-0 run in less than two minutes of the season.

"We're going to kind of be like that. We're going to play in spurts like that because that's the kind of kids we have. Obvi-

ously we want to extend those big-play spurts so that's kind of going to be our m.o.," said Elkton head coach Gary Trout. "The key is just doing what we're supposed to do. Making sure we're running the right offense, getting ourselves where we need to be on defense and boxing out every time. And getting that consistency. If we can get that consistency, we can be a pretty good team."

Mason Cox led the Elks with 14 points as Austin Luzier added 10 on the night.

With Mapleton running a zone defense throughout the night, the Elks got to utilize their zone offense which had not seen much use on the season.

"We haven't seen a lot of zone so I knew we were going to be kind of herky-jerky against that. So it was good for us to see and work against that. We were starting to get into a pretty decent flow in spurts," said Trout.

Elkton lost to Lowell 54-36 on Saturday. Luzier had eight points and five assists for the Elks.

The team will next play at the McKenzie Hoops Classic on Dec. 27.



PHOTO BY BECKY GERRARD

Mason Cox controls the ball in a game earlier this season.

North Douglas offensive lull against Lowell enough for win

Warriors win on Friday, fall to Country Christian in overtime on Saturday

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Friday's matchup between North Douglas and Lowell was not an offensive showcase. After one quarter of play, the Warriors led 4-0 on the way to a 24-12 victory during the first night of the North Douglas Winter Invitational.

"We're growing and sometimes in our world today we put so much stock in making baskets," said North Douglas head coach Jeff Davis. "So we told the kids at halftime - we're not blaming, because no one is trying to miss shots - but I think we had six maybe seven layups in the first half and missed some free throws. So in our mind, rather than (up) 10-2... we could have had 22, 23 points and then just won going away. But that's not yet who we are."

Both teams had balanced scoring across the board as North Douglas had five players finish with four points (Sofia Alcantar, Abby Whipple, Riley Black, Samantha MacDowell and Bailey Holcomb) and Lowell had six players with two points. No one on Lowell made multiple field goals in the game.

Despite troubles to convert on



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Sophomore Natalie Thompson shuffles her feet on defense against Lowell on Friday.

the offensive end, the Warriors were seemingly in control the whole game as the Lowell offense was unable to get to their spots in the first half. North Douglas finished the game with 17 steals as the Red Devils had 31 turnovers on the night.

"We're going to have to hang our hat on defense because we're not going to outscore anybody. So there may be a lot of these kind of games," said Davis. "I would prefer having to grind through one and learn from it then beat someone by 40 and get a false sense of some kind of confidence there."

The Warriors found their

offense late as they scored 10 points in the third quarter to take an insurmountable 20-8 lead heading into the fourth.

Rilie-Jo Olds led North Douglas with five rebounds while Natalie Thompson, Alcantar and Black each recorded four boards. Alcantar also had six steals while Whipple added five.

On Saturday night the Warriors offense was in full-gear in a 52-51 overtime loss to Country Christian. Sarah Phillips led the visiting Cougars with 34 points and 15 rebounds.

The Warriors had 13 points from Thompson and 11 from both Whipple - including a three-pointer to force overtime - and Black.

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