

MJ teams undefeated in district play

Thursday, March 15, 2012

Mt. Juliet stayed undefeated in district play with a 51-44 win over visiting Beech Friday. It was a low scoring first quarter, with Mt. Juliet getting the 9-5 advantage. Things opened up a bit in the second thanks to the play of DaShawn McMurry and Brandon Shepard. McMurry was draining threes with three in the first half, and Shepard was making all the hustle plays. He grabbed six rebounds against taller defenders and got after loose balls.

At the half, the Bears led 23-17. The Bears built a double-digit lead in the third, and led 35-24 going into the fourth. The lead got up to 13 in the fourth behind 12 points by Caleb Chowbay. Beech made a short rally late, but couldn't close the gap.

Chowbay led the way with his big fourth quarter. He finished with 20. McMurry hit another three in the second half, and finished with 14. Shepard pulled down 10 rebounds. Seth Brown led Beech with 17.

Bears 51 Beech 44

B – 5 12 7 20 – 44

M – 9 14 12 16 – 51

B – Brown 17, Ry. Chamberlain 12, Lee 8, Ro. Chamberlain 3, Coleman 2, Landrith 2. M – Caleb Chowbay 20, DaShawn McMurry 14, Anthony Casciani 7, Brandon Shepard 7, C.J. McEwen 3.

It was never a contest in the opening game, as the Lady Bears blasted the Lady Bucs 65-31. Mt. Juliet had four players in double figures in the blowout.

The game started on a 20-0 run for the Lady Bears, and was 23-5 at the end of one. The lead extended to 47-15 at the half. Paige Baugher hit four of her five three-pointers in the half.

Caya Williams and Jamasha Jackson also were in double figures at the break with 14 and 12, respectively. It was more of the same in the second half, as the Lady Bears led 59-21 going into the fourth. Baugher and Williams led the Lady Bears with 16. Jackson and Sally McCabe both had 14. CheyAnn Neal led Beech with 11. Mt. Juliet played at Hendersonville Tuesday evening, but the game started after press time.

Lady Bears 65 Beech 31

B – 5 10 6 10 – 31

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M – 23 24 12 6 – 65

B – Neal 11, Banks 8, B. Taylor 4, Baker 2, Davis 2, Nelson 2, M. Taylor 2. M – Paige Baugher 16, Caya Williams 16, Jamasha Jackson 14, Sally McCabe 14, Bianne Taylor 5.