

Twin towers lead Lady Green over Eagles 53-32

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BENTON RIDGE — The Lady Green of Ottoville put their undefeated record on the line when they traveled to Liberty-Benton Saturday afternoon for a showdown with the Lady Eagles.

To set the stage, look at the two teams' records under their current head coaches. Dave Kleman, coming into this year at the helm of the Lady Green, has posted a 373-95 (80%) winning percentage in all games played. For the Lady Eagles under the direction of head coach Nate Irwin, the record is just as impressive, going 143-41 (78%).

Ottoville added Liberty-Benton this year with the addition of two more games allowed to their schedule.

The Lady Green took control of the game early and won in convincing fashion 53-32.

This game was completely won early when the Lady Green, blessed with a great inside-outside game, got the ball inside to their twin towers of 6-2 senior Abby Siefker and 6-0 senior Rachel Beining. Both girls came away with four points apiece and helped their teammates take an early 12-5 lead after eight minutes of play.

For the second game in a row, Siefker got in foul trouble early in the second quarter but the Lady Green didn't skip a beat in extending their lead in the second quarter by a count of 29-15 heading into halftime. The quarter was again highlighted by the twin towers as Siefker, before exiting with foul trouble, added seven more points and Beining added an additional five points.

Sometimes, points don't tell the whole story of the game as the Lady Green's defensive efforts of guards Rachel Turnwald, Nicole Vorst, Tonya Kaufman and Taylor Mangas frustrated the opposing guards of the Eagles into a poor shooting day (12-44 - 27%).

Coach Kleman was pleased with the performance of his team: "A great team effort today over a

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very good Liberty-Benton squad. Our height gave them problems today as Abby and Rachel (Beining) were able to get the ball down low and work off of each other to have big games for us. We like to create an up-tempo pace and I loved the effort given by Rachel (Turnwald), Nicole, Tonya and Taylor on the Eagles' Rachel (Myers) and Lauren (Kotey)."

The second half saw the Lady Green continue the pressure on both ends as they again outscored the Eagles 12-6 in the stanza and went 6-6 from the stripe in increasing their lead to 41-21 after three quarters of play.

The Eagles, frustrated on both ends, reached a boiling point at the 4:09 mark when head coach Irwin received a technical foul, which was followed by two makes from the line by Turnwald and a beautiful assist from Turnwald to Mangas for an additional four points on the call. The fourth quarter saw both teams substitute freely as the game was out of reach for the Eagles and the Lady Green stayed perfect on the year.

The Lady Eagles (5-3) were led in scoring by Myers with 14 points.

The Lady Green (9-0) had two girls score in double figures on the evening: Siefker a game-high 19 followed by Beining with 11. The Lady Green had a good night shooting the rock by going 48 percent for the game on 20-42 shooting. From the stripe, the Lady Green were 75 percent on 9-of-12 attempts.

Both teams will be back in action next week as the Eagles host Vanlue Thursday night and the Lady Green travels to Kalida for a key PCL matchup starting with a 6 p.m. JV start.

The JV game went to the Lady Green by a score of 47-30. Haley Landwehr and Lexie Wannemacher led the way with 10 points each.

VARSITY

Ottoville (53)

Rachel Turnwald 1-0-2-4, Nicole Vorst 0-0-0-0, Tonya Kaufman 2-0-1-5, Rachel Beining 5-0-1-11, Abby Siefker 8-0-3-19, Taylor Mangas 3-0-0-6, Kendra Eickholt 0-0-2-2, Annie Lindeman 1-0-0-2, Haley Landwehr 2-0-0-4. Totals 22-0-9-53.

Liberty-Benton (32)

Kayla Trevino 1-0-1-3, Lauren Kotay 0-0-2-2, Rachel Myers 3-2-2-14, Katie Simon 4-0-0-8, Carrie Reynolds 1-0-0-2, Morgan Lishawa 1-0-1-3. Totals 10-2-6-32.

Score by Quarters:

Ottoville 12-17-12-12 — 53

Liberty-Benton 5-10-6-11 — 32

JUNIOR VARSITY

Ottoville (47)

Monica Sarka 1-0-2-4, Courtney Von Sossan 1-2-0-8, Haley Landwehr 3-1-1-10, Annie Lindeman 2-1-2-9, Lexie Wannemacher 5-0-0-10, Lindsey Wannemacher 1-0-0-2, Nicole Kramer 2-0-0-4. Totals 15-4-5-47.

Liberty Benton (30)

Jordan Shelley 1-0-0-2, Paige Hohman 0-0-3-3, Colbi Colchagoff 0-0-4-4, Nicolette Devincentis

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Liberty-Benton 7-6-11-6 — 30