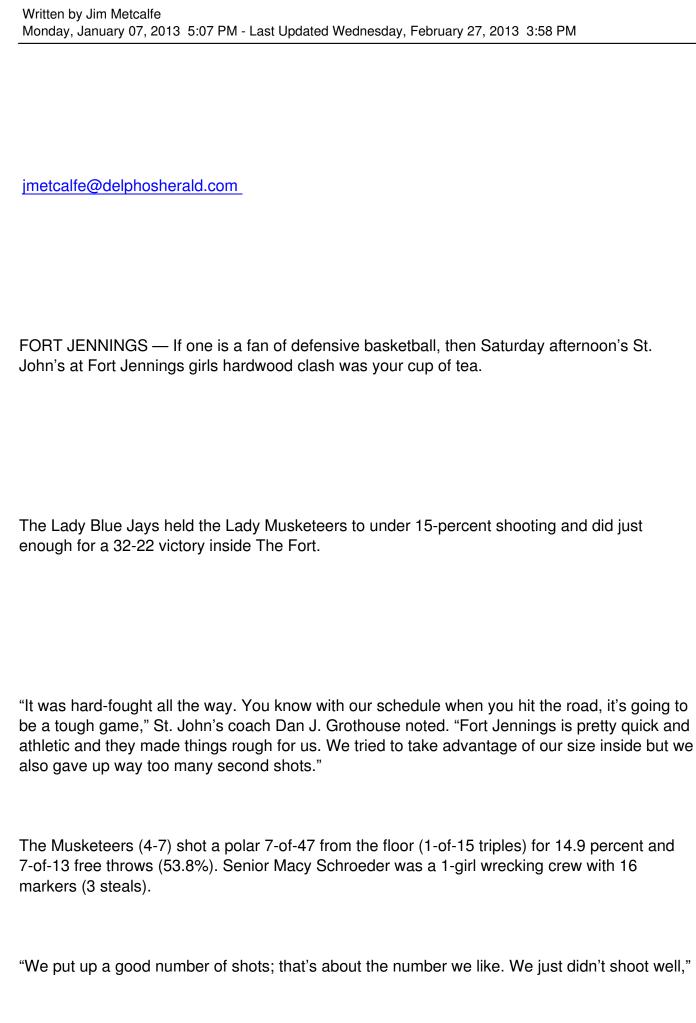
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Fort Jennings coach Kevin Horstman said. "We sometimes get too quick with our shots, though, and get a little out of control. We miss the first few and then you can see our confidence drop; we then look to Macy too much."

St. John's (6-4) wasn't exactly on fire, hitting 11-of-31 (3-of-10 downtown) for 35.5 percent and 7-of-12 singles (58.3%). Senior Katie Vorst put in a double-double with 11 points and 11 boards and classmate Jessica Recker added 10 markers (4 assists).

The trend toward an off-night scoring-wise was set from the word go. The hosts were 3-of-14 as they couldn't find the range, even helped by five offensive boards. The Jays were 3-of-8. When sophomore Rebekah Fischer hit a basket with 25 ticks on the clock, that gave the Blue and Gold the lead for good at 7-6.

Though the Jays didn't get a lot of shots in the second period (3-of-6), they were 5-of-8 at the line. That scoring was enough for them to slowly build up their margin — especially as the Lady Musketeers remained chilly from the field. When Vorst finished off her 8-point period with two free throws with 8.0 ticks on the clock — getting the third foul on Jennings sophomore Erin Osting — the guests led 18-11.

The Musketeer offense remained in the doldrums in the third canto (2-of-9), though they hit 4-of-6 freebies. The Jays grabbed their biggest lead of the game at 26-12 on a 3-ball from right of the key by Fischer at 5:11. Schroeder led the Musketeers back to within 28-20 with an 8-point quarter, finished by two charity tosses with 28.1 seconds to go on junior Emilie Fischbach's fourth foul.

Schroeder (6:30) and 5-1 waterbug junior Ashley Gable (6:00) hit a free throw each to get the Orange and Black within 28-22. However, they could get no closer as they didn't score the rest of the way, missing their final 11 shots. A Recker 3-ball (5:34) and a Vorst single (1:05) were the only points by the Jays.

In toto, St. John's nabbed 37 caroms (8 offensive) as freshman Sydney Fischbach added nine; 16 errors; and 14 fouls. St. John's heads to Minster Thursday (6 p.m. junior varsity tip).

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"Defensively, we didn't give up a lot of easy shots and played pretty well," Grothouse added. "We've played defense pretty well all season. We did just enough offensively to get the win."

Fort Jennings finished with 28 rebounds (15 offensive) as Gable and senior Gabbi German grabbed five each; a mere six miscues; and 16 fouls. They host Elida Tuesday.

"We did most everything else pretty well," Horstman added. "We rebounded with them pretty well and handled the ball well. We just couldn't put the ball in the basket."

In JV action, the Lady Musketeers moved to 5-6 with a 37-23 triumph.

Sophomore Jenna Calvelage was high scorer for the hosts with 11, while freshman Olivia Kanny paced the Lady Jays (4-6) with eight.