Sensibaugh leads Lady Wildcats past Panthers

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PAULDING — Jefferson junior Hannah Sensibaugh scored 17 points to lead the Lady Wildcats to a 53-36 Northwest Conference win at Paulding in girls basketball action on Thursday night.

It was the second win in a row for the local squad, which improved its record to 6-11 overall and 2-4 in NWC action.

In addition to Sensibaugh's offensive production, Jefferson head coach Dave Hoffman praised his star player for her entire floor play.

"Hannah did a great job on defense," said Hoffman. "She really had a good all-around game."

Sensibaugh scored six of her points in the second quarter to help Jefferson launch a 24-17 advantage at the halfway mark after slipping into a 10-8 advantage at the end of the first stanza.

"I was very pleased with our ball movement," said Hoffman. "We were able to move the ball around to hit some outside shots. I thought we did a good job in our transition game, too.

"Our defense was able to force turnovers for them."

For the contest, the Wildcat pressure defense forced Paulding to cough up 22 turnovers.

Paulding head coach Lyndsi Schultz was pleased with the shots her girls were getting in the first half but was disappointed that the shots wouldn't drop.

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"In the first half, we took good shots but we didn't make them," said Schultz. "In the second half we didn't take care of the ball. We threw a lot of bad passes."

The Wildcats continued to mount their lead in the third stanza by besting Paulding 13-10 for the quarter.

The local team then solidified the win in the final quarter by out-distancing the Panthers 16-9.

"This was a real morale-booster for us. It was huge for us; it was the second game we've won in a row," added Hoffman. "It was what we needed to start to gain momentum down the home stretch and prepare for post-season play.

"I was especially pleased with our transition game; we were able to grab some quick baskets."

Jefferson shot 17-of-23 at the free-throw line (73.9%), while Paulding nailed 6-of-8 (75%). For Paulding (4-10, 0-6 NWC), Brooke Combs bucketed the most baskets with 14 points while Sierra McCullough added 10 points to the Paulding cause.

In JV action, the Lady Wildcats grabbed a 28-18 advantage.

The Wildcats host Ottoville 1 p.m. Saturday; the game has been switched from Jefferson High School to The Stage inside the middle school.

JEFFERSON (2PT 3PT FT PTS)

Brooke Culp 1-0-4-6, Katie Goergens 4-0-0-8, Rileigh Stockwell 1-0-2-4, Hannah Sensibaugh 6-0-5-17, Gabrielle Pimpas 3-0-1-7, Makayla Binkley 2-0-0-4, Brooke Hesseling 1-0-4-6, Jasmine McDougall 0-0-1-1. Totals 18-0-17/23-53.

PAULDING

bbey Edwards 1-0-0-2, Sarah Nardone 1-0-0-2, Sierra McCullough 4-0-2-10, Abby Pease 3-0-0-6, Brooke Combs 6-0-2-14, Suzanne Reinhart 0-0-2-2. Totals 15-0-6/8-36.

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Score by Quarters:

Jefferson 10 19 8 16 - 53 Paulding 8 9 10 9 - 36 JV Score: 28-18 (Jefferson).