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By JIM METCALFE **Staff Writer** jmetcalfe@delphosherald.com DELPHOS — Van Wert's girls hardwood unit took the lead for good midway through the second period Saturday night at Jefferson High School and worked its way to a 70-61 non-league victory. Pacing the Lady Cougars (7-2) — who shot 24-of-52 from the floor, including a solid 10-of-24 from deep, for 46.2 percent — was the quartet of junior Alexis Dowdy with 19 (8 boards), junior Riley Jones (4 treys) and classmate Erin Morrow (8 boards, 7 dimes) with 12 each and senior Chevenne Handy 11 (4 dimes). Leading the scoring for the Lady Wildcats (2-6) — canning 23-of-52 shots. 5-of-17 from 3-land, for 44.2 percent — was the senior duo of Rileigh Stockwell with a game-high 26 (9 caroms) and Katie Goergens (3 treys) with 13. Jefferson plays the 4:20 game Friday at the Parkway Pratt Insurance Holiday Tournament. Van Wert plays Fort Recovery Jan. 4. (Longer version and box score in Monday's Herald)

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