

Basketball Teams Both Lose at Spalding

The first ever trip to Louisville, Kentucky for conference basketball games was unkind to the Beavers of Blackburn College. Spalding University defeated Blackburn College 57-41 in the women's contest and then defeated the Beavers in the men's game by a score of 73-57.

In the women's game, Spalding raced out to a 32-21 halftime advantage and limited the Beavers to just 20 second half points to take the victory. Shana Shepherd led Blackburn in scoring with 12 points by hitting 4 of 7 shots from behind the 3 point line. Blackburn shot only 21 percent for the contest on 13 of 62 shooting. Spalding held a 51-50 rebounding average and committed 18 turnovers compared to 14 for the Beavers. Blackburn is now 5-10 on the season and 3-3 in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

In the men's contest, Todd West scored 15 points and Rod Sykes added 12 points but it wasn't enough to prevent Spalding from coming away with the victory. The Beavers struggled at the foul line making just 11 of 21 free throw attempts. Spalding led 39-31 at the half and stayed in control the rest of the way. Blackburn was 22 of 56 from the field for 39 percent shooting for the contest. The Beavers fall to 2-11 on the season and 0-6 in the SLIAC.

Both teams will be back in action on Wednesday night at home as they host Eureka College.

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