

Big 2nd Half Propels Women's Basketball to Road Victory

The Blackburn College Women's Basketball Team outscored Westminster College 46-27 in the 2nd half to claim an important St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference victory, 70-63, on Saturday in Fulton, Missouri. After trailing 36-24 at the half, the Beavers used 10 2nd half points from Jessica Trexler to rally for the big road win. "Jessica really ignited us in the 2nd half," said Blackburn coach Mike Williams. "Our defense in the 2nd half was also key," added Williams.

Kariann Hill led Blackburn in scoring with 22 points and also had 5 rebounds to help Blackburn move to 7-3 in the league and 9-10 overall. "Kariann really played great basketball," said Williams. Joining Hill in double figures were Ashley Daniels with 11 points and Jessica Trexler with 10, all in the 2nd half. Jasmine Robinson turned in a solid game with 8 points and 5 assists and Meghan Schultze logged 6 rebounds. Blackburn is in 3rd place all alone and just one game out of 1st place as Westminster fell to 6-4 in league play and 8-9 overall.

For the game, Blackburn shot 21 of 54 from the field for 39 percent and was outrebounded by the Blue Jays by a 40-28 margin. Blackburn committed only 11 turnovers for the game compared to 15 for Westminster. The Beavers will be back on the road on Wednesday night as they travel to Eureka for a 6:00 p.m. tip-off.

Blackburn Men's Basketball Drops Pair of Games

The Blackburn College Men's Basketball Team suffered through a tough week losing a pair of games to Webster University and Westminster College respectively. Last Saturday in Fulton, Missouri, the Beavers were downed by the Blue Jays of Westminster, by a score of 71-52. Todd West led Blackburn in scoring with 15 points and Cobri Gilbert added 10 points for the Beavers who are now 3-14 on the year and 1-9 in the St. Louis Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

The league-leading Blue Jays pounded the Beavers on the boards as they claimed a 49-31 rebounding advantage. Blackburn was also not helped out by the 22 turnovers they committed. Neither team shot the ball particularly well as Blackburn was 22 of 63 for the game for 35 percent, while Westminster was 27 of 67 for 40 percent. Blackburn trailed at the half by a score of 39-27.

Last Wednesday night in Carlinville, the Beavers were done in by a cold-shooting night as Webster University claimed a 72-52 SLIAC victory. Blackburn shot precisely the same from the field as in Saturday's loss, 22 of 63 for 35 percent. Todd West led Blackburn in scoring with 16 points while Rod Sykes scored 11 points and had 10 rebounds for the Beavers. Webster took a 34-26 halftime lead into the locker room and the Beavers could not close the gap in the 2nd half as John Ortwerth scored 25 points to lead the Gorloks.

For the game, Webster claimed a 43-31 rebounding advantage while each team committed 13 turnovers. The cold shooting for Blackburn was a change from the week before which saw the Beavers average 99.5 points per game against Eureka College and Greenville College. Blackburn will travel to Eureka College on Wednesday before hosting Principia at 3:00 p.m. in Carlinville on Saturday afternoon.

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