

[HS Roundup: Mohawk Trail girls basketball blows past PVCICS, 43-11 \(PHOTOS\)](#)

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BUCKLAND — The Mohawk Trail girls basketball team did its job to earn its second win of the season on Thursday.

Hosting PVCICS, the Warriors rolled out to a 24-4 halftime lead and opened the third quarter on an 18-0 run to take a 42-8 lead into the fourth. Mohawk Trail went on to cruise to a 43-11 independent victory.

After an opening game loss to Franklin Tech, the Warriors knocked off Greenfield and made it two in a row with the win over the Dragons.

“Our first game against Tech we were coming off some illnesses,” Mohawk Trail coach Steve Bzomowski said. “They did some things that we weren’t ready for but we’re happy to have two wins in a row now. We go to Lee [Friday] night and it’ll be a bit of a different story than what we had tonight.”

It’s hard to imagine too many teams have a younger starting lineup than the Warriors, which featured an eighth grader, two freshmen, a sophomore and a senior on Thursday. With such a youthful group, Bzomowski said he’s hoping to see them take steps forward each time out and so far, it’s a group that is learning quickly.

“I think we might be the youngest starting lineup in the state,” Bzomowski said. “We average a grade of about 9.8. It’s a learning experience but they’re a great group. They focus every day in practice and they get better every single day. When I’m talking in practice they all have great eye contact.

“They’re working really hard but some of these kids are coming right out of middle school basketball and now are playing varsity,” Bzomowski added.

Natalie Lanoue opened the game with a basket and a 3-pointer before Zephyr Jetzon tallied a pair of baskets. Lanoue and Valerie Bzomowski followed with baskets to give the Warriors an early 13-0 lead. Isabella Cestero put the Dragons on the board with 1:30 to go in the frame but Aurora Moynihan scored before the quarter closed to give Mohawk Trail a 15-2 lead after one. It was a defensive battle throughout the second quarter, as Bella Pettengill scored the opening basket of the frame with 2:30 to play. Pettengill converted an and-one while Jetzon and Emily Inman scored to close the quarter for Mohawk Trail to give it a 24-4 lead going into the intermission.

It was all Mohawk Trail to open the third quarter.

Lanoué opened with a 3, Pettengill tossed in a pair of baskets before Lanoué swished a pair from behind the arc and Bzomowski tallied a pair of baskets, giving the Warriors a 42-4 lead. Lanoué tallied 16 points, Pettengill finished with nine points, Jetzon scored seven points while Valerie Bzomowski added six points in the win.

Amirah Chabi-Yo finished with four points while Cestero, Sofia Cestero and Abby Nicholson each scored two points for PVCICS.

Franklin Tech 48, Nashoba Tech 23 — The Eagles put 27 points on the board in the first half to run away with an independent victory in Westford on Thursday.

Hannah Gilbert scored eight points, Haleigh Benoit tallied eight points, nine rebounds and four steals, Lindsey Taylor scored six points, Lili Inman recorded six points and eight rebounds while Ariel Peters scored two points and pulled down 10 boards for Franklin Tech.

Lee 70, Pioneer 36 — Kyler McClelland knocked down seven 3s to finish with 21 points in the Panthers' loss to the Wildcats in Lee on Thursday.

Maggie Tsipenyuk scored seven points to go along with seven rebounds, Deveney Pillsbury scored four points, Charley Harrington dished five assists while Jacobia Tyminski scored her first varsity points in the loss.

Wrestling

Frontier 46, Pathfinder 36 — Konnor James (157), Kaden James (215) and Max Hunter (285) won their matches via pin to help the Redhawks secure a victory at Goodnow Gymnasium Thursday.

Massimo DiBari earned a major decision win at 138 for Frontier.

Mahar 45, Duggan 21 — Abduli Gilmore (106) and Dante Dowler (150) won via pin for the Senators, which knocked off Duggan in Orange on Thursday.

Orion Whitehouse (132) earned a 7-0 win, Elias Roberts walked away with a 5-3 victory at 138 while Tristen Gaj secured a 12-5 win at 165 for Mahar.

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