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Girls basketball: Mohawk Trail continues strong close to regular season with 78-21 victory over Athol (PHOTOS)

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ATHOL — The Mohawk Trail girls basketball team is playing its best ball down the stretch as it hopes to lock up a spot in the MIAA Div. 5 state tournament.

The Warriors entered Friday's game against Athol winners of their last two, and Mohawk Trail wasted no time taking control, building a 21-3 lead after eight minutes.

The Warriors stayed in control the rest of the way, as Mohawk Trail cruised to a 78-21 Franklin County League South victory at Mallet Gymnasium.

"We've been working all season and telling them to get better every practice and every game," Warriors coach Steve Bzomowski said. "Even games like this where we felt like there was a good chance we could come out on top, the whole idea was to prepare for the next game and the game after that. They took that to heart. I wanted to get some bench players in and they performed well."

For an inexperienced Athol squad, Bears coach Conor Morrissey has just been hoping to see strides each time out on the court.

"We're a young team," Morrissey said. "Most of the girls out there are freshmen and new to basketball. They're just picking it up. We're trying to build for the future and learn all the lessons we need to learn the hard way this year."

The win moves Mohawk Trail to 8-8 on the season. Ranked 45th in the MIAA Div. 5 power rankings, the Warriors would earn an automatic bid if they finish with a .500 record. Mohawk Trail has four regular season games left to accomplish that, though Bzomowski said he's not putting his focus on it.

"I'm not thinking about it," Bzomowski said. "I'm just thinking about getting better every day and focusing on the next game ahead."

Natalie Lanoue drained a pair of 3-pointers while Bella Pettengill also tossed in six points in the opening quarter, helping the Warriors build their 21-3 lead after one.

Pettengill added seven of her game-high 23 points in the second quarter while Jetzon scored six more in the frame. Allison Robertson and Madi Hermes each hit 3s for Athol (0-16) in the second, though the Bears still trailed 38-10 at the half.

Mohawk Trail went on to lead 52-12 at the end of the third before going on to seal the victory. Jetzon tallied 13 points, Lanoue and Emmalee Inman each scored 10 points, Bella Brown recorded eight points while Sadie Wilcox tossed in six points in the victory for the Warriors, which are building confidence with each victory.

"Confidence is a huge thing in sports and it's a huge thing in basketball," Bzomowski said. "They've been building that every week. It's not surprising they're getting better results."

Hermes finished with nine points, Ava Martin scored six points while Maddie Desrosiers added two points in the loss for Athol.

"I'm proud of our team for showing up and trying," Morrissey said. "We're just trying to grow the program over time."

Drury 63, Pioneer 11 — The Blue Devils limited the Panthers to two points in the first quarter before shutting out Pioneer in the second, as Drury pulled away with an independent victory in North Adams on Friday.

Maggie Tsipenyuk and Natalie Rios each tallied four points for the Panthers while Kyler McClelland knocked down a 3-pointer in the loss. Pioneer closes out its regular season slate on Monday when it travels to Buckland to face Mohawk Trail, with the tip slated for 7 p.m.

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HS Roundup: Athol boys basketball defeats Hampshire, 65-43, in key Hampshire League North showdown (PHOTOS)

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Monday results

Girls basketball

Mohawk Trail 36, Ware 29 — The Warriors handed Ware its first Franklin County League South loss of the season, building a 19-11 lead at the half to earn the road victory on Monday. Bella Pettengill recorded 12 points, Zephyr Jetzon tallied six points while Natalie Lanoue and Valerie Bzomowski each added five points for Mohawk Trail.

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HS Roundup: South Hadley boys basketball pulls away in the second half to defeat Greenfield, 68-57 (PHOTOS)

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Girls basketball

Mohawk Trail 34, Smith Vocational 33 — Trailing by six points with three minutes to play, the Warriors came back to tie it and closed the game by scoring the final seven points to earn an independent victory Wednesday.

Bella Pettengill scored 13 points, Natalie Lanoue and Zephyr Jetzon each finished with six points while Valerie Bzomowski added five points in the victory.

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Alpine Ski: Mohawk Trail's Addie Loomis earns seventh straight victory

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The seventh and final PVIAC alpine ski race of the regular season took place on Tuesday at Berkshire East Mountain Resort in Charlemont.

Mohawk Trail's Addie Loomis closed out the regular season with an individual victory for the seventh consecutive race, taking first on Tuesday on the girls side after a run of 31.00 seconds on the giant slalom course.

Fellow Warrior Lydie Pinkham wasn't far behind, taking second with a run of 31.69 seconds. Sofiya Slocik-Gritzner placed fourth (32.38), Grace Sisum placed 11th (34.64), Caroline Makoskiej came in 15th (35.46), Brooke Koshinsky earned 16th (36.01) and Jaylynn Peters took 26th (38.69) for Mohawk Trail.

In the boys race, Mohawk Trail's Phineas Tuttman earned second with a time of 45.65 seconds on the slalom course.

Grayson Bishop placed seventh (48.73), Benjamin Zarotny came in ninth (49.74), Liam Zarotny placed 12th (51.30), Gunnar Triggs took 15th (53.61), Zavel Gardner came in 19th (56.63) and Xerxes Law earned 29th (1:01.89) for Mohawk Trail.

The next time the Warriors will be on the mountain is next Tuesday, when they compete in the annual PVIAC Individual Championship back at Berkshire East.

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