

FRIEDMAN PULLS DOWN 11 REBOUNDS, SCOTT SINKS 22 POINTS, KNAPP NETS 10 POINTS

Blue Devils' Quickness, Jars Johnson Lady B'ballers, 59-36

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Senior forward Carly Friedman grabbed nearly everything under the boards and quickly shoveled the ball out to offensive "money players" Lil Scott and Jackie Knapp, who combined for 32 points, which led the 18th ranked, 13-0 Westfield High School girls

man also had two steals, an assist and four points.

"I feel pretty good about things. I'm not much of a shooter, so I do what I can under the boards, try to get the rebounds and try to get a fast breakaway for the team. I try to box out, get my position as best I can," Friedman said.

"Carly definitely got stronger.

assists and five rebounds. Knapp had 10 points, three assists, three steals and two rebounds. Sophomore forward Olivia Luzzi learned well from Scott's and Knapp's history of thievery and contributed five steals herself to go with four points, four assists, two rebounds and a blocked shot. Hannah Liddy (6 rebounds), Shannon Devitt and Jamie Miller each sank four points.

Crusader Gianna Rebosio finished with 11 points and Steph Visconti put in 10 points.

The Blue Devils took a 10-0 lead with Scott beginning the action with a 3-pointer, on an assist from Knapp. By the end of the first quarter, Scott had hit half of her 22 points and Knapp hit four, while Miller and Luzzi had two points each to make the score, 19-8.

Luzzi and Scott hit 2-pointers and Knapp sank a pair of free throws to up the lead to 25-9 before the Crusaders called a timeout. More steals led to more points and a 32-13 Blue Devil lead at the half.

The huge lead allowed the Blue Devils to move some bench players in an out during the third quarter. Scott sank her second 3-pointer midway through as the Blue Devils stretched their lead to 44-23 entering the final quarter. After the spread increased to 53-29 with 3:52 remaining,

Coach Marino rested all five of his players who were on the court at the time and sent in a fresh group of five players.

In their first meeting in Clark, the Blue Devils had an easy time with the Crusaders in a 65-36 victory, but an undefeated record, presents a clear target for some team that is biting at the bit to zero in on an upset.

"We try to go into every game with an open mind and not get too confident. We know that we just can't expect everything and we have to work hard for our wins. It's not going to get handed to us. We have to keep getting stronger and stronger as we go on," Friedman said,

"We take each day like it's opening day. Every game is a new game. It's 0-0! We enjoy our record when we are not on the

floor. When we are on the floor, we don't have a record. It's opening day," Coach Marino said.

"Our team has been progressing very well. It's easy because we know each other very well. We have been together for a couple of years now and everyone has a lot of heart and gives it their all every game. As long as we show up to play, everything works in our favor. We are off to a big start so far, and I hope we keep it up. We have been working hard in practice and we are playing for each other," Friedman said.

"We work hard in practice, and that's the outcome. We have some goals and we definitely want to be competitive in the county," Coach Marino said.

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Westfield	19	13	12	15	59



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GOING IN FOR THE LAY-UP...Blue Devil Lil Scott goes in for a lay-up in the game against the ALJ Crusaders in Westfield on January 23. Scott led all scorers with 22 points.

basketball team to a 59-36 jarring of the 5-7 A.L. Johnson Crusaders in Westfield on January 23.

Friedman had 11 rebounds but also blocked several shots and tipped balls to teammates, who moved the ball down court to set up scoring opportunities. Fried-

She's been a lot more focused this year than she's been. She's the captain, and she's really carrying the girls along the way. She's leading by example," Blue Devil Head Coach Joe Marino said.

Scott led all scorers with 22 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, and added five steals, three



Blue Devil
Hannah Liddy