

# Lady Maroons bend but don't break in win

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The Madisonville-North Hopkins girls basketball team crossed state lines over the weekend, heading to Oakland City University in south-central Indiana for a neutral-site matchup with Wayne High School (W.Va.).

Coming off a frustrating loss to Pulaski County to close out their tournament slate, the Lady Maroons used the trip as a chance to reset — and they

delivered, edging the Lady Pioneers 61-58 in a back-and-forth contest.

From the opening tip, the game was a very evenly matched bout. Both teams pushed the tempo, and the lead swung several times as neither side could create much separation from the opposition. Madisonville's ability to get key stops late — something that has been a point of emphasis since the beginning of practice in the fall — ultimately proved to be the difference.

The fourth quarter mirrored much of the night: Wayne answered nearly every Madisonville basket, but the Lady Maroons made the final series of plays when it mattered as key buckets from Macy Wright down the stretch helped Madisonville edge out the Lady Pioneers. Defensive rebounds, clock management and timely shooting closed out the three-point victory.

Junior standout Wright paced Madisonville with 17 points, attacking the rim and controlling the boards. Wright also grabbed nine defensive rebounds, limiting second-chance opportunities for the Lady Pioneers and helping stabilize Madisonville in tight moments.

She wasn't alone. Forward Lilly Gobin stretched the floor with a hot hand from the perimeter, knocking down five 3-pointers and finishing with 16 points, which also paid major dividends in getting the win. Her shooting

repeatedly halted Wayne runs and gave the Lady Maroons needed momentum swings.

Meanwhile, Sadie Kirk continued her strong play since returning to the lineup last month. The freshman contributed 13 points and gave the team another reliable scoring option — a development that has strengthened Madisonville's rotation heading into January.

The win moved the Lady Maroons back in the right direction at an even 7-7 record as they

approach a challenging stretch of region play. Consistency on defense and improved rebounding remain focal points, but Tuesday's performance showed signs of growth and resilience, something that the team has been building on each game with learning lessons and refinement for a fairly young squad.

Madisonville-North Hopkins returns home for its next test, hosting Muhlenberg County on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

## Maroons fall to Chargers despite strong second half

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The Madisonville-North Hopkins boys basketball team struggled to sustain momentum Saturday, falling 79-54 to Bullitt East in the New Year's Classic at Grayson County.

A tough opening period put the Maroons in an early hole as they managed just eight points in the first quarter. Madisonville responded in the second, finding rhythm from the perimeter and knocking down multiple 3-pointers to post 19 points and trim the deficit before halftime.

The good outside shooting continued after the break, and the Maroons produced another solid stretch with 15 points in the third quarter. But Bullitt East seized control during the frame, matching Madisonville's shot-making and capitalizing on second-chance opportunities to outscore the Maroons 26-15 and widen the gap.

The Chargers closed it out in the fourth, limiting North Hopkins to 12 points and preventing any late push.

Lake Sumner paced the Maroons with 16 points, knocking down four 3-pointers on the night.

Jeremiah Lewis connected on 5-of-10 from the field, including a trio of triples, to finish with 13 points.

Jaziyon Latham finished with six points and five rebounds, while Deacon Dever scored five points and grabbed a team-leading eight caroms.

Myles Adler, Gavin Oldham, Ellis Green and Orion Underwood each chipped in three points, and Ezra Bridgman capped scoring with two.

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team must rely on defense when shots aren't falling.

"You can always hang your hat on getting stops," Sullivan said. "We've talked all year about pride on defense, loose balls and toughness. That has to be what we are every night."

Hopkins County Central now gets a week between games before traveling to University Heights Academy on Monday, Jan. 12, for a matchup with the Blazers.

## Harbaugh Out as Ravens Coach After 18 Years

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OWINGS MILLS, Md. — John Harbaugh's 18-year tenure in Baltimore included two distinct periods of success.

After taking over, Harbaugh capitalized on the last few years of Ray Lewis' career, reaching the AFC title game three times in his first five seasons as coach and winning a Super Bowl.

When Lamar Jackson arrived in 2018, the Ravens became contenders again — but there's been no conference championship yet for this particular era, and lately Baltimore has experienced more angst than glory.

So Harbaugh is out of a job.

Owner Steve Bisciotti fired Harbaugh on Tuesday after the Ravens were one of the league's most disappointing teams this season. They went 8-9 and missed the playoffs after entering Week 1 as one of the Super Bowl favorites.

Baltimore's season ended Sunday night when Tyler Loop missed a last-second field-goal attempt, allowing Pittsburgh to hold on for a 26-24 victory in the game that decided the AFC North title.

"This was an incredibly difficult decision, given the



Baltimore Ravens head coach John Harbaugh speaks during a news conference after an NFL football game against the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday in Pittsburgh.

tremendous 18 years we have spent together and the profound respect I have for John as a coach and, most importantly, as a great man of integrity," Bisciotti said in a statement.

"Throughout what I firmly believe is a Hall of Fame coaching career, John has delivered a Super Bowl championship to Baltimore and served as a steadfast pillar of humility and leadership."

Harbaugh was hired after coaching special teams and defensive backs for the Philadelphia Eagles. With the Ravens, he went 193-124 including the postseason. He led the 2012 Ravens to a Super Bowl title, and this season was only the sixth time Baltimore missed the post-

season under Harbaugh. That's the same number of times the Ravens won the AFC North with him at the helm.

But most of Baltimore's postseason success came in his first few years. After beating his brother Jim, who was coaching the San Francisco 49ers, in the Super Bowl, John Harbaugh was 9-4 in the playoffs. For the rest of his tenure, he was just 47. After the Ravens went three straight seasons without a playoff berth, they drafted Jackson. The star quarterback won two MVPs in his first six years in the league, but Harbaugh's lone run to an AFC championship game with Jackson

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## Lady Storm finish comeback behind big 4th from Menser

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setting up a tense finish with the outcome very much in doubt.

That's when Central's composure — something that has defined the group through the first half of the season — showed up again. The Lady Storm executed in the half court, limited second-chance looks and made timely shots down the stretch.

Sophomore guard Addie Menser proved to be the difference late, scoring eight of her 10 points in the fourth quarter to help Central pull away. Sa'Nya Carney added nine points, while Tyah White finished with eight and standout scorer Calajia Mason contributed seven while drawing heavy defensive attention.

The win continues a positive trend for Hopkins County Central, which has weathered tough tournament fields, tightened its defense, and positioned itself as a dangerous team heading into January.



COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY  
HOPKINS CIRCUIT COURT  
MADISONVILLE,  
KENTUCKY 42431  
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24-CI-00761

21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION  
PLAINTIFF

vs. AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE IN EQUITY  
(amended to add additional Deed Book and page number)

DOLLY D. SUTTON, ET AL.  
DEFENDANTS

By virtue of Judgment and Order of Sale of the Hopkins Circuit Court the undersigned will, on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. on the steps of the Hopkins County Judicial Center, 120 East Center Street, Madisonville, Kentucky, proceed to expose to PUBLIC SALE, the real estate located at 26 Pine Street, Nortonville, PVA Parcel No. NORT-2-15-2, Hopkins County, Kentucky. See Deed Book 572, page 520, Hopkins County Court Clerk's Office, for the legal description of said property.

Terms: The real estate shall be sold for cash or on credit of thirty (30) days. If on credit, the purchaser must pay a down payment of 10% of the purchase price at the time of the sale and post bond with approved surety for the balance of the purchase price, bearing interest at the rate specified in the judgment from the date of said bond, with a lien reserved upon said property until payment is made in full. The buyer shall be responsible for the current year's property taxes.

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