



## Maidens capture 3rd Place in win over Troup at Slocum Tournament

The Frankston Maidens varsity basketball team won third place Saturday, Dec. 3 capturing a 37-33 victory over the Troup Lady Tigers at the Slocum Girls Basketball Tournament, according to a report from Maidens Coach Christi Coker.

The Maidens used their usual tight defense combined with timely shooting to win.

They started the contest with a 9-7 edge in the first quarter and outscored Troup in the second period 10-7 to lead at halftime by 19-14. Desirae Hatton, Kaysie Nabors and Wila Davis provided the first quarter baskets and those three got some help from Kaysiah Burnett in the second period.

In the third quarter, the Maidens stayed with the Lady Tigers with an 11-10 edge, thanks to more timely scores by Davis and Nabors and got more help with a basket from Mya Mitchell and a free throw by Mariyah Hatton.

Troup edged the Maidens 9-7 in the final period but the Maidens were able to capitalize on trips to the free throw line to secure their win. Davis hit 4 of 9 free throws. Desirae Hatton sank 2 of 4 and Burnett got 1 of 2 free throws. Those points added up to enough to preserve the victory.

Davis was high scorer for the Maidens with 18, three 3-point goals, a score near the basket and 7 of 14 from the free throw line. Desirae Hatton had 8 points on three 2-point goals and 2 of 4 free throws. Nabors scored 6 on three 2-point goals. Mitchell and Burnett each had 2, Mitchell on a score inside and Burnett on 2 of 4 free throws. Mariyah Hatton had a point, sinking 1 of 2 at the free throw line.

The Maidens will go to Athens for non-district games, with JV at 5 p.m., varsity at about 6:15 on Tuesday, Dec. 6.

## SLOCUM GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

# **Maidens fall to Slocum 28-24 in low-scoring tourney semis**

The Frankston Maidens varsity basketball team fell to Slocum 28-24 in a low-scoring Gold Bracket semifinals game at the Slocum Tournament Friday evening, Dec. 2, according to a report by Maidens Coach Christi Coker.

The Maidens were to meet Troup in a 2:40 p.m. game Saturday, Dec. 3 for third place in the Gold Bracket.

In all four quarters the Maidens were held to single digits and Slocum managed only one quarter in double figures.

Slocum took the first quarter 10-7. The Maidens got points from Wila Davis, Mya Mitchell and Lysie Bizzell each sinking a basket inside. Bizzell also had a free throw.

In the second quarter, Slocum led 8-4 and had an 18-11 lead at halftime. Davis sank a three-pointer and hit a free throw for the only Maidens points in that period.

The Frankston girls won the equally low-scoring third quarter 6-3. Mya Mitchell's two goals inside and Davis' two-point basket and a free throw were all the Maidens could get in that period.

Centerville led 21-17 going into the fourth quarter, also a single digit period for each team at 7-7, leaving the Maidens with a four-point loss. Two inside goals by Mitchell and a two-pointer and a free throw by Davis were all the Maidens could get by the final buzzer.

Davis led Maidens scorers with 11, two inside, a three-pointer and 4 of 6 at the free throw line. Mitchell had 10 points on five two-point goals. Bizzell scored 3 points on an inside basket and a free throw.

## SLOCUM GIRLS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

# Maidens going to Gold semifinals with win over Centerville 40-34

The Frankston Maidens earned the right to move into the semifinals game in the Gold Bracket of the Slocum Tournament Friday, Dec. 2 with a 40-34 Pool win over Centerville, according to a report by Maidens Coach Christi Coker.

They were to meet Slocum in the semis later in the day.

Wila Davis helped the Maidens' cause against Centerville with 19 points across all four quarters.

Neither team could gain an advantage in the first quarter with a 9-9 tie. Three baskets inside by Davis along with a free throw plus a two-point basket by Kaysiah Burnett combined with a strong Maidens defense contributed to that outcome.

The Maidens picked up the scoring pace in the second quarter with an 11-2 performance and took a 20-11 lead into the halftime intermission. Davis had two inside goals and a free throw and Kaysie Nabors sank two inside to go with two-point basket by Mya Mitchell.

In the third quarter, the Maidens continued to find their shooting range with 13 points and Centerville had 11. Davis got an inside goal and two free throws. Mitchell contributed two near the basket. Burnett got a two-point goal and Lysie Bizzell sank two free throws. Mariyah Hatton had one.

Going into the fourth quarter the Maidens had an 11-point lead at 33-22. Centerville picked up their scoring in the final period, outscoring the Maidens 12-7 but it was not enough to overcome the earlier Frankston lead. The Maidens scored a couple of goals inside, one by Bizzell and another by Nabors. Davis hit 3 of 4 at the free throw line to help secure the win.

Davis led Maidens scorers with her 19 points on six goals inside and a 7 of 10 performance at the free throw line. Nabors and Mitchell each had 6, each on three 2-point goals. Bizzell and Burnett had 4 points each, Bizzell with a score inside and a 2 of 2 trip to the line and Burnett had a couple of two-pointers. Mariyah Hatton hit 1 of 2 free throw attempts.

### **Score by Quarters:**

<b>Maidens</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7 — 40</b>
<b>Centerville</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 — 34</b>

# **Maidens defeat Rusk girls 55-49 in Slocum Tournament Pool C**

The Frankston Maidens varsity basketball team won over Rusk 55-49 in the first game in Pool C play Thursday, Dec. 1 in the Slocum Girls Basketball Tournament, according to a report by Maidens Coach Christi Coker.

Wila Davis' 30-point performance was key in the Maidens victory and went a long way to overcome a 39-point second and third quarter surge by the Rusk Lady Eagles.

Davis scored seven points in the first quarter, four points in the second, 14 points in the third quarter and five points in the fourth period.

The Maidens started strong in the first quarter outscoring the Lady Eagles 16-4 but Rusk came back in the second period to score 23 points while the Maidens were sinking 14. The Maidens led 30-27 at halftime.

In the second half, Rusk outscored the Maidens 16-14 in the third quarter to narrow the Maidens lead to a single point, 44-43. Davis' scoring accounted for all 14 of the Maidens points in that quarter. The Maidens defense held the Lady Eagles to only six points in the fourth quarter while Davis was scoring five points on two inside goals and a free throw. Kaysie Nabors added a two-point goal and two free throws and Kaysiah Burnett contributed a two-point goal to give the Maidens an 11-6 advantage and secure the win.

Davis led Maidens scoring with her 30 points, eight inside, four three-pointers and a couple of free throws. Mya Mitchell's four baskets inside in the second quarter gave her 8 points. Nabors also scored 8 with three 2-point goals and a couple of free throws in two trips to the line. Burnett had 6 points on three inside goals. Mariyah Hatton got 3 points, a 2-point goal and a free throw, all in the first quarter.

The Maidens are scheduled to play the second Pool C game against Centerville on Friday, Dec. 2 at 8 a.m. in the high school gym to determine seeding in later bracket play.