

Maidens, Indians win, lose in Frankston Tourney pools

The Frankston Maidens and Indians had a win and a loss on the first day of pool play in the Frankston Invitational Tournament Dec. 9, according to reports from Maidens Coach Christi Coker and Indians Coach Scotty Albritton.

In the third game of pool play at the FHS gym, the Maidens defeated Tyler Grace Community 57-27. Then in the early evening, the Maidens fell to Neches 52-30. In the fourth game of pool play, the Indians won over Elkhart 62-21 but, despite a strong comeback attempt in the fourth quarter, the Indians lost to Grapeland 55-46 in an evening matchup.

Against Grace, the Maidens outscored their opponent in every quarter and were 33-8 at the half.

Scoring for the Maidens against Grace were Brianna (Bri) Looney with 12, Kaylee Davis and Ja'Shalyn (Shay) Hatton with 9 each, Maggie Caveness with 8, Wila Davis and Bandy Bizzell with 6 each, Mya Mitchell 4, Pauline Passchier 2 and Kelsey Sexton 1. Wila Davis was 2 for 2 and Kaylee Davis and Sexton 1 for 2 at the free throw line. Hatton had a three-pointer.

The Indians had a slow start against Elkhart trailing 12-5 in the first quarter. However the Tribe came back strong in the second quarter, getting 21 points to only 3 for the Elks. Frankston led 26-15 at the half. They went on to 46-17 at the end of the third quarter and outscored Elkhart 16-4 in the last quarter to secure their win.

Leading scorer was Isaiah Allen with 17. Benton Allen and Caleb Ramsey each had 12. Kody Loebig scored 10, Kason Newport 9 and Reese Hicks 2. Newport had three 3-pointers, and Isaiah Allen, Loebig and Ramsey one each. Benton Allen was 2 for 2 at the free throw line.

Later in the evening, the Maidens were outscored by Neches in every quarter, largely by virtue of eight 3-pointers. The Maidens had trouble getting their shots to drop and were behind 11-3 at the end of the first quarter and 26-14 at halftime. Neches secured their win by a 26-16 second half performance.

Scoring for the Maidens against Neches were Hatton with 8, Looney 7, Bandy Bizzell 5, Kaylee Davis and Wila Davis with 4 each and Mitchell with 2. Bandy Bizzell and Hatton each had a three-pointer. Wila Davis was 2 for 2 and Looney and Hatton were 1 for 2 at the free throw line.

Following the Maidens-Neches game, the 7-1 Indians played Grapeland close in the first quarter trailing by only one, but in the second quarter the Tribe was outscored 18-12 to give the Sandies a 31-24 lead. The Indians came back from the dressing room to outscore the Sandies 14-8 in the third quarter to trail by only a point 39-38. In the fourth quarter, the Indians went into the lead for a time, but the talented and quick Grapeland team made a late surge to take the win.

Leading for the Indians was Ramsey with 21 points, including three 3-pointers and a 6 for 6 performance at the free throw line. Isaiah Allen had 9, Loebig 5, Benton Allen 4, Newport 3 and Hicks and Josh Fridinger with 2 each. Isaiah Allen, Newport and Loebig each had two 3-pointers. Hicks was 2 for 2 at the free throw line.

The Maidens were scheduled to play Arp at 12 noon Friday, Dec. 10 in pool play. The Indians are to play Ore City in the game that follows.

Bracket seeding will follow later in the afternoon and evening.

Scores by Quarters:

Tyler Grace	5	3	8	11 — 27
Maidens	22	11	12	12 — 57
Elkhart	12	3	2	4 — 21
Indians	5	21	20	16 — 62
Neches	11	15	13	13 — 52
Maidens	3	11	6	10 — 30
Grapeland	13	18	8	16 — 55
Indians	12	12	14	8 — 46