



## Highlassies win one, lose one

On Friday, the McLennan Highlassies defeated the Lon Morris Lady Bearcats 71-60 on day one of the MCC Classic at The Highlands.

MCC started off slow but built a 14-point lead at 24-10 with 8:22 remaining in the first half. Lon Morris rallied back in the final minutes of the half, cutting the lead to four at the break, 33-29.

The Lady Bearcats opened the second half on an 8-3 run to take the 37-36 lead with just under 18 minutes remaining. The game remained close until the five-minute mark, when the Highlassies began their rally. MCC ended the game on a 13-5 run to seal the win.

Freshman Sara Stanley led the Highlassies with 21 points. Kiara Tate and Ashley Olvera added 16 and 13, respectively.

The Angelina Lady Roadrunners handed the Highlassies their first loss of the season on Saturday, 66-58.

The first half was a series of alternating scoring runs between the two teams. Angelina jumped out to an early 6-2 lead, but MCC responded with a 12-0 run in the next four minutes to take the 14-6 lead with 14:15 remaining in the half.

The Lady Roadrunners responded with a 13-0 run to take a five-point lead midway through the half. The Highlassies regained the lead at 22-21 but a 3-pointer on the next possession put Angelina back on top. The Lady Roadrunners extended the lead to nine with 5:36 on the clock, but MCC ended the half on an 8-0 run to cut the lead to one at the break.

The game remained close until the midway point of the second half. The Highlassies led 47-46 with 10:02 left in the game, but Angelina pulled away in the final minutes to take the victory.

Sophomore Katie Pavlik led the Highlassies with 15 points, and Nikkitti Scott added 11.

The Highlassies return to action on Friday, taking on Panola in the 6 p.m. game of the Angelina Classic in Lufkin.

**Lon Morris:** Whitley Kizzee 3 3-5 9; Shawnay Gibson-Carmichael 0 1-2 1; Christy Willis 1 5-6 7; Jessica Jackson 6 3-6 13; Dinilesizwe Love 3 1-1 7; Diamond Austin 0 0-1 0; Jasmine Reeves 0 2-2 4; Chrystal Harrison 3 1-8 7; Sherena Abbercumbia 0 1-2 1; Brenda Adhiambo 4 3-3 11. Totals: 21 20-36 60.

**McLennan:** Ashley Olvera 1 11-15 13; Kiara Tate 7 5-10 16; Kanisha Clark 0 1-2 1; Katie Pavlik 3 3-6 8; Ali Trojacek 3 0-0 5; Nikkitti Scott 1 0-0 2; Ashley Matson 2 1-2 5; Sara Stanley 9 3-8 21. Totals: 26 24-43 71.

3-pointers: Lon Morris 2 (Jackson 2), McLennan 5 (Tate 3, Pavlik 1, Trojacek 1); Total fouls: Lon Morris 30, McLennan 26; Halftime score: McLennan 33, Lon Morris 29; Record: McLennan 2-0.

**Angelina:** Carenn Baylor 2 0-0 4; Adele Stevenson 1 2-2 4; Jasmine Jones 2 0-0 4; Marcy Robinson 3 2-2 9; Erica Adair 5 0-0 13; Donia Naylor 8 0-0 16; Tyeka Ranton 2 0-2 4; Tiara George 2 1-3 3; Keldra Hall 3 3-5 9. Totals: 27 8-15 66.

**McLennan:** Ashley Olvera 1 3-4 5; Kiara Tate 3 0-0 9; Capricia Jones 1 0-0 2; Kanisha Clark 0 2-2 2; Katie Pavlik 4 4-5 15; Nikkitti Scott 5 1-4 11; Ashley Matson 2 0-0 4; Sara Stanley 4 2-4 10. Totals: 20 12-19 58.

3-pointers: Angelina 4 (Adair 3, Robinson 1), McLennan 6 (Tate 3, Pavlik 3); Total fouls: Angelina 18, McLennan 17; Fouled out: McLennan (Scott); Halftime score: Angelina 31, McLennan 30. Record: McLennan 2-1.