

Kings captures first FAVC crown in girls basketball

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The wait is over!

The girls' basketball program at Kings finally have their championship. The Lady Knights clinched their first ever championship of any kind Saturday as they flattened Loveland 55-31 to seize the Fort Ancient Valley Conference Cardinal Division title. The win brought the Knights' record to 15-3 with an undefeated conference record of 13-0.

"I'm so excited," said Kings' all-time leading scorer Sarah Fox. "It's been my goal since I was a freshman for our team to win a conference championship. This year I really felt that we had the talent to get it done and now I'm so excited that that it's finally happened."

Fox led the Knights with 15 points in the first half as Kings ran out to a 25-point lead by the middle of the second quarter.

Fox and the other starters then stepped aside as the reserves took over to play most of the second half. While her point production was well below her average of 23 points per game, Fox was too happy about the win to put much emphasis on personal stats.

"At this point, I don't care how many points I score as long as the team keeps winning," stated Fox. "Now my goal is to win our last couple of games and try to get the team as far as possible in the state tournament."

The Knights blew out to an early lead behind the shooting of Fox as she connected on three 3-pointers to go with a jumper by Shannon Heekin. Kellie

McClung also got into the early action as she scored from low in the paint on her way to 11 points.

It was the defense, however, that set the tone as the stingy Knights held the Tigers to single digits in each of the first three quarters. Only minutes into the second half, Kings had built the lead to 29 at 45-16 and coach Katie Moeller started going to her bench.

"We needed to come out and play like we did today," said Moeller. "We had been in a slump lately and we had a lot of people fighting the flu. I was glad to see our defensive intensity come back and we came out and scored early. Hopefully this game will help us start to build some positive momentum going into the state tournament."

The blowout also provided the Kings coach with an opportunity to get more younger players into the game to gain some valuable experience. All thirteen players on the varsity squad saw significant minutes with ten different players making it into the scoring column.

The Knights wrap up the regular season with a home game against Lebanon tomorrow.

Loveland	6	14	20	31
Kings	18	41	49	55

TIGERS — Bowman 2 1 5; Miller 3 0 6; Gage 1 0 2; Wilson 4 0 8; Bess 1 0 2; Gruver 4 0 8; Totals 15 1 31; Three point goals - none.

KNIGHTS — Feldmeyer 0 1 1; Heekin 3 0 6; Daugherty 1 1 3; Oliva 3 0 6; Roudabush 3 1 7; S. Fox 6 0 15; Bryant 1 0 2; McClung 4 3 11; L. Fox 0 2 2; Algie 1 0 2 Totals 22-8-55; Three point goals - S. Fox (3).