

Lady Aces eliminate Pineville in first round of state All 'A' Classic

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The Pineville girls basketball team ran into a red-hot Owensboro Catholic squad Wednesday at the Kentucky All A Classic, and the Lady Lions came out on the short end of a 67-26 decision.

Winners of eight straight games heading into the tournament, Owensboro Catholic (14-5) used a balanced scoring attack and a defensive effort that forced 33 Pineville turnovers to advance to Thursday's quarter-final round against Owen County (11-4).

Pineville never led Wednesday and trailed 18-5 after the opening eight minutes. Owensboro Catholic extended its lead to 43-13 by halftime and a running scoreboard clock was in effect before the midway point of the third quarter.

Owensboro Catholic scored an eye-popping 42 points following Pineville turnovers and outscored the Lady Lions inside the painted area by a 32-12 margin. The Lady Aces scored 16 second-chance points and collected 15 offensive rebounds.

Pineville got a team-high 12 points from freshman Kaiti Hammontree and seven points from freshman Clara Strange. The Lady Lions shot 35.7 percent from the field (10 of 28) and knocked down four of their 11 attempts from behind the 3-point line, three of which came from Hammontree.

The Lady Lions won the battle of the backboards, outrebounding Owensboro Catholic by a 33-30 margin. Hammontree



DANNY VAUGHN

Pineville freshman guard Katie Hammontree scored a team-high 12 points in the Lady Lions' loss to Owensboro Catholic on Wednesday in the first round of the state All "A" Classic.

and senior Rachel Howard each grabbed six rebounds for Pineville.

Owensboro Catholic had four players score in double figures, led by juniors Claudia Munsey and Layla Martin with 14 points, apiece. Juniors Taylor Mannahan and Katie Hagan chipped in with 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Next up for Pineville (10-9) is a road game Friday at Boyle County.

Owensboro Catholic (67) – Katie Hagan 10, Taylor Mannahan 12, Claudia Munsey 14, Layla

Martin 14, Sophia Newby 6, Skye Riley 3, Isabeth Osborne 4, Betsy Moore 0, Braylin Clancy 2, Hallie Boarman 2, Scarlett Isenbarger 0, Ellie O'Herron 0, Sadie Blair 0.

Pineville (26) -- Rachel Howard 2 Madison Johnson 0, Addison Arnett 0, Hannah Abner 0, Kaelyn Burnett 4, Katie Hammontree 12, Addison Fuson 1, Clara Strange 7, Jacklynn Patrick 0, Olivia Warren 0, Whitley Miracle 0, Cayley Partin 0.

Owensboro Catholic 18-25-16-8-67
Pineville 5-8-7-6-26

Lions place three in double figures in win over Washburn

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Host Pineville got off to a fast start Monday night and then converted nine free throws down the stretch to hold off Washburn, Tenn., 72-61 at The Lions Den.

The Mountain Lions jumped out to a 13-2 lead over the Pirates and led 18-7 after one quarter. Freshman Noah Slone knocked down a pair of long 3-point shots during the opening stanza, while freshman Anderson Gentry also delivered from distance to ignite Pineville.

Pineville opened the second quarter with 11 unanswered points to extend its lead, but Washburn outscored the Mountain Lions by a 10-4 margin over the final 4:18 of the first half and Pineville took a 33-17 lead into the locker room at the intermission.

A pair of 3-pointers, apiece, by Slone and sophomore Preston Zachery pushed the Mountain Lions' lead to 45-25 by the midway point of the third quarter, but Washburn refused to quit. Junior Dillon Mullins scored 10 points during the third quarter for the Pirates and a 6-2 Washburn scoring run during the final minute trimmed Pineville's lead to 52-37 heading into the final eight minutes.

Five straight points by the Pirates pulled the visitors to within 10 points at 57-47, and a 3-point basket by freshman Gavin Kincaid cut Pineville's lead to 61-52 with 2:30 remaining in the game.

At that point, Washburn began fouling the Mountain Lions on every possession, and Pineville meshed nine of its 14 free throw tries in the waning moments of the contest to secure the win.

Zachery knocked down four 3-pointers and scored a co-game-high 17 points for Pineville, while sophomore Kenton Brock muscled his way inside en route to 16 points. Slone drained four shots from long distance and chipped in with 15 points.

Washburn, which had won its last three games, got 17 points, apiece, from senior Matthew Harville and Mullins. Kincaid and senior Landry Coffey added 14 and 11 points, respectively for the Pirates, who fell to 11-5 on the season.

Pineville played just one game last week, dropping a 55-41 decision to 51st District rival Barbourville on Friday.

Barbourville held a slim 23-17 lead at halftime, and then outscored the Mountain Lions by a 13-2 margin during the third quarter to pull away. Pineville scored 21 points during the final eight minutes, two more than it had scored through the first three quarters.

Slone led Pineville with 14 points, while junior Brayden Hatmaker added 10 points. Barbourville was led by junior Chase Wilder, who netted a game-high 20 points. Senior Logan Stepp and freshman Carter Deaton chipped in with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Pineville (8-8) travels to Whitley County Friday, before returning home Saturday for a game against Middlesboro.

Pineville (72) -- Anderson Gentry 8, Jacob Grubbs 8, Brayden Hatmaker 6, Preston Zachery 17, Noah Slone 15, Kenton Brock 16, Eli Knuckles 0, Broady Fugate 2.

Washburn (61) – Bryson Clay 0, Nolan Harville 2, Dillon Mullins 17, Landry Coffey 11, Gavin Kincaid 14, Matthew Harville 17.

Pineville 18-15-19-20-72
Washburn 7-10-20-24-61

Friday
Barbourville (55) -- Chase Wilder 20, Logan Stepp 13, Trace Wood 3, Carter Deaton 10, Noah King 6, Ian Ross 3, Vernon Cole 0.

Pineville (40) -- Anderson Gentry 3, Jacob Grubbs 8, Brayden Hatmaker 10, Preston Zachery 5, Noah Slone 14, Kenton Brock 0, Ethan Jackson 0.

Barbourville 8-15-13-19-55
Pineville 6-11-2-21-40

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**Pursuant to Application
Number 807-5246**

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Middlesboro Mining Operations, Inc., 8331 E. Walker Springs, Suite 204, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923 has applied for Phase II and III bond release on Increment 1 on Permit Number 807-5246 which was last issued on November 07, 2017. The permit covers an area of approximately 16.23 acres and is located approximately 1.60 miles east of Davis-

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burg in Bell County.

The operation is located approximately 2.30 miles east from Ky Route 190's junction with Davisburg Trail and located approximately 0.20 miles north of Bens Fork. The operation is located on the Kayjay U.S.G.S. 7 ½ minute quadrangle map.

The bond now in effect for Increment Number 1 is a surety bond in the amount of \$42,400, of which one hundred percent (100%) is being requested for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in the winter of 2023.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, Second Floor, 300 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-6571 by Friday, February 06, 2026.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Monday, February 09, 2026 at 9:00 A. M. at the Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement, Middlesboro Regional Office, 1804 East Cumberland Avenue, Middlesboro, Kentucky 40965-1229. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for hearing or informal conferences is received by Friday, February 06, 2026

Middlesboro Daily News:
Jan. 28, 2026
807-5246/FINAL

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