

Lady Jaguars sweep a pair of games to improve to 4-0



Caylee Singleton earned the win against Clinton County, working four innings while allowing four runs and striking out three. | PHOTO BY DARRIN SPENCER

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LONDON — North Laurel remained unbeaten at 4-0 with wins over Hazard and Clinton County on Saturday.

The defending 13th Region champions were solid at both the plate and in the pitcher's circle.

"Really good day today," North Laurel coach Chris Edwards said. "I love these triangles early in the season. You get to play some good competition and really test your team early.

"The weather early in the week made today a little more challenging than I had planned," he added. Four games in five days turned into four games in three days. Really pushed our pitching staff especially. But Tessa, Emma and Caylee have been really good to start the season. Other than a couple of mis-

takes, we have been really good defensively as well. Pitching well and playing good defense is always the best way to play.

"Offensively against Hazard, we had a good game against one of if not the best pitchers in the 14th Region," Edwards continued. "Only six hits in the game but three were for extra bases and they were spread throughout the lineup. Nice to see the hits spread out like that. Same thing, just more of it against Clinton County. Multiple hits from Bella Finley, Tessa Monhollen, Lucy Jo Linville, Presley Griffin, and Katie Keen. It's early and of course there is a long way to go but this first week has been good for us. Seen some really good pitching this week. Had several different game situations that will just make us better and work toward our

season goals. Really proud of my girls. Go Jags."

Game One:

North Laurel 4, Hazard 1

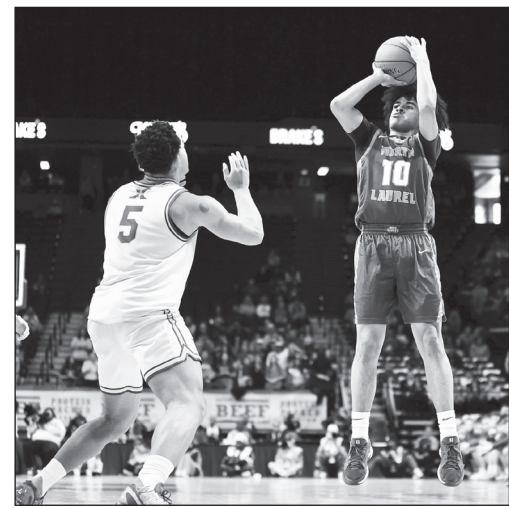
Tessa Monhollen delivered a dominant performance in the circle Saturday, striking out 12 and tossing a complete game to lead North Laurel to a 4-1 win over Hazard.

Monhollen was in complete control throughout, allowing just four hits and one run while walking none across seven innings.

North Laurel (3-0) backed Monhollen with timely hitting, scoring four runs on six hits.

Bella Finley led the way offensively, going 1-for-3 with an RBI and a pair of doubles, while Lucy Jo Linville and Katie Keen each drove in a run. Reese-lynn Garland added a hit and

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A 3-pointer by Kaiden Allen brought the Jaguars within a point in the fourth quarter. | PHOTO BY DARRIN SPENCER

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points, three rebounds, three assists and one blocked shot. Allen added 11 points on 4-of-7 shooting, including 2-of-4 from 3-point range along with four rebounds and two steals.

Cunagin finished with nine points, four rebounds, a block and a steal, while Jordan Rawlings chipped in six points and Elza added three points.

North Laurel trailed 12-4 at the end of the first quarter and 25-18 at halftime. The Jaguars entered the fourth quarter down 35-32.

North Laurel shot 17-of-41 from the field, including 5-of-15 from 3-point range. The Jaguars were outrebounded 22-20 and committed nine turnovers, five of which came in the opening quarter.

St. Xavier finished 16-of-32 from the field but was limited to just 2-of-11 from 3-point range after hitting 12-of-18 from beyond the arc in Wednesday's win over Covington Catholic.



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