Lady Cougars sweep Monroe County, fall to South Warren in semifinals

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Over the weekend, after earning their 24th consecutive 13th District title, the Logan County Lady Cougars prepared for the 4th Regional Tournament hosted by Bowling Green. The Lady Cougars have been a mainstay in the tournament as the reigning 13th District champions, continuing another streak of postseason success.

“We had a great season and saw a lot of great things,” Lady Cougars’ volleyball head coach Steven Lyne said. “We are very young in a lot of ways and we’re excited about that. We made it to the semifinal in the region tournament. Winning our 24th straight district title was big for us. We’ve got some good young players that are coming up that will keep everyone excited for years to come."

Since 2016, the Lady Cougars have won their first-round matchup every year in the 4th Regional Tournament, advancing to the semifinals at the least. This year was no different, as the Lady Cougars matched up against the Monroe County Lady Falcons on Saturday and swept the series 3-0, winning close sets 25-22, 25-21, and 25-20.

The two teams had met earlier this season in the SOKY Slam Tournament hosted by Allen County-Scottsville. The Lady Cougars took the win then in two sets, remaining undefeated against the Lady Falcons in the season series.

“Monroe County made us hit it three to four to five more times than we would have liked. They made us play it and play it again for long rallies. They make you want to play longer than what you want,” Lyne said. “Proud of the way that they found a way to pull through. We were down in the 3rd set, and the main thing we were trying to do is stop those runs and keep it close and win the big points when we needed to.”

Leading the way in kills for the Lady Cougars were Caroline White and senior Ashley McIntosh, who both earned eight apiece. It was a busier day for Emily McIntosh, who ended with six kills with the best hitting percentage of .308 for the team. Senior Kaylee Rye slightly outpaced Addison Pitts as the lead setter, earning 14 assists to the latter’s 12. Pitts had a strong day at the service line with three aces for the match, with Rye getting one. White added to her point total with two service aces as well.

“We had some nervous energy heading into this match,” Ashley McIntosh said. “Don’t know what was going on or why that was but we pulled out a win."

“Monroe County was pretty scrappy,” White said. “I felt like we had a lack of communication and focus. We should have played better than the way we did but Monroe County is scrappy.”

Moving past the Lady Falcons, the Lady Cougars met a familiar face in the semi-final round, as they took on the South Warren Lady Spartans. The Lady Spartans are coached by Caleb Sheffield, the former head coach of the Lady Cougars, heading the program from 2019 to 2024. The Lady Cougars looked to even the score after dropping the regular season matchup last month in three sets. The Lady Cougars came up short on Monday, falling in three sets, 9-25, 16-25, and 11-25, as they ended their season as a top-4 team from the 4th Region.

"At the end of the South Warren match, we told our four seniors, Ashley and Emily McIntosh and Kendall Porter and Karlee Rye, how much we love them and thanked them for all of the hard work they have put in," said Lyne. "They left a legacy for others to follow and we’re very proud of them.”

Lyne added that "South Warren’s frontline is really big. They have some big jumpers and we couldn’t find anything to hit around them. That’s a huge difference in the game of volleyball and It was a tough match for us. We couldn’t stop their scoring runs,” he said. “They got it going as they were serving aggressively and kept us out of system a lot. We gave them a lot of free balls and they were able to capitalize on it.”

The Lady Cougars season ends with a 23-14 record as they add another successful chapter to the storied history of the volleyball program. Junior libero Maggie Mitchell and Ashley McIntosh were named to the All-Region team after the conclusion of their game against the Lady Spartans. While four incredibly talented seniors will graduate from this team, including Ashley McIntosh, Emily McIntosh, Kendall Porter and Kaylee Rye, the Lady Cougars will return a lot of pieces from their young team for next season as the future remains bright.

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Cougars clinch No. 2 seed with 43-21 win; Panthers fall to Fulton County

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Friday night saw both local football teams go on the road for important district matchups that would decide seeding for the playoffs in their respective classes. In the Class 4A matchup, the Logan County Cougars traveled to take on the Warren East Raiders and came away with the 43-21 win, as they secured the number-two seed in the postseason. The Cougars will get to host their first playoff game at home, as they will take on Taylor County. In the Class 1A matchup, the Russellville Panthers made the long road trip to Fulton County, taking on the Pilots. The Panthers could not keep pace, as they fell 51-9, and will go on the road in the postseason, taking on Bethlehem.

It was a closely fought battle through three quarters for the Cougars and the Raiders, as the Raiders put the first touchdown on the board. The Cougars would answer with a 19-yard touchdown grab from JB McTire off a Luke Rogers pass. McTire ended the night with four catches for 65 yards and two touchdowns. The Raiders would take the lead once more to end the first quarter, after a slow start for the Cougars. The following drive, senior Christian Helle rushed 27 yards for the touchdown on his way to a monster performance. Helle had 20 carries for 232 yards and two touchdowns on the night.

After an interception from Alex Weaver, the Cougars capitalized on offense to take their first lead of the night, off another Helle touchdown from nine yards out. Out of the halftime break, the Raiders tied it up at 21-21 to start the third quarter. The Cougars took the lead after a 32-yard touchdown from McTire and would go on to shut out the Raiders in the second half. Senior lineman Maliq Ford earned two touchdown runs to seal the Cougars 43-21 win. On the defensive side of the ball, fellow senior Elijah Sells set the school record of career fumble recoveries with 12, passing the previous record-holder Reuben Watson.

Other notable defensive performers for the Cougars were Kenton Holloway and Carson Carlock. Holloway ended the game with 18 tackles, three and a half tackles for a loss, one sack, and one forced fumble. Carlock also had double-digit tackles with 10 and one and a half for a loss. Tomorrow night the Cougars host their regular season finale at home against the South Warren Spartans, a Class 6A titan.

Looking at the Panthers matchup against the Pilots, coming off their 60-0 win over Caverna, the Panthers had momentum. The Pilots took the first lead of the game, going up two scores in the first quarter. The Panthers answered on the following kickoff, as freshman Darrius Browder made a house call, returning the kick 75 yards for a touchdown to make it a one-score game. Sophomore kicker Spencer Collier was successful on the point-after attempt to make it a 14-7 game. Before the end of the half, the Panthers drew a personal foul in the end zone against the Pilots, resulting in a safety and the ball back before halftime. The Panthers were just overwhelmed as they earned the loss on the road. Tomorrow night, the Panthers end their regular season at Rhea Stadium, hosting the Butler County Bears.

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"I would work with local business owners and community leaders to develop opportunities to revitalize downtown and make Lewisburg more appealing to visitors and new businesses.

"Improving quality of life for residents is very important. I would prioritize maintaining our parks and public spaces, improving sidewalks, and making sure our water system meets the needs and standards of our residents. Keeping Lewisburg clean and safe will encourage growth.

"By working together we can strengthen local businesses, create new opportunities, and make Lewisburg an even better place to live and work."

2. With the financial limitations facing a smaller city, how would you prioritize infrastructure, public safety, and other municipal services while keeping the city's finances sound?

"I believe the best way to manage Lewisburg's finances is to make responsible decisions that prioritize the needs of our residents and make the most of resources we have.

"My focus would be on essential services, such as public safety, water system improvements, and necessary repairs to roads or sidewalks. I would work to address the most pressing needs and develop a plan to address them within the city's budget. I would also seek grants and state and federal funding to help cover the cost of improvements.

"My goal is to improve Lewisburg's financial stability, address our community's needs, and support growth without placing unnecessary burden on residents."

3. What would you do to encourage economic activity, strengthen existing businesses and improve the quality of life for Lewisburg residents?

"I believe Lewisburg's greatest need over the next four years is responsible growth that creates jobs, supports local businesses, and improves our city's infrastructure and appearance.

"I would work to attract new businesses while supporting the small businesses we already have.

"I believe we must make the

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and individual attention they need.

Now we’re being asked to support an additional 5.9 cents per $100 of assessed property value, projected to generate over $2 million annually, including state equalization funding. The district has identified approximately $61.3 million in facility needs through 2030.

So I have some questions:

How much debt does our district currently carry?

Why have serious maintenance concerns reportedly gone unresolved?

What is being done to improve academic performance?

How are we supporting our classroom teachers?

What alternatives have been considered before increasing property taxes?

What accountability measures will ensure this additional revenue addresses the most urgent facility needs?

Families are already struggling with rising costs. Farmers, retirees, homeowners, and working families all feel the burden of additional taxes.

I support our teachers. I support our students. And I absolutely support safe, functional schools. But after 13 years in education, I know that the success of a school system isn’t measured by impressive buildings or how much money is spent. It’s measured by how well we educate our children, how effectively we support our teachers, and how responsibly we manage our resources.

Our children deserve safe schools AND a quality education. Our teachers deserve real support. And our taxpayers deserve transparency and accountability.

These are questions I believe our community deserves answers to before being asked for additional tax revenue. Supporting education also means holding our school system accountable for the education it provides.

Brooke White
Russellville

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doesn't define a student, a teacher, or a school, these results are certainly something worth celebrating," Beason said. "KSA is just one measure of the work happening in our classrooms, but it is an important one. It provides valuable information about student achievement and growth, and these results show that the hard work happening at Adairville School is making a difference."

Adairville Middle School recorded significant subject-area gains, including a 25-percentage-point increase in Social Studies proficiency, a 17-percentage-point increase in Science proficiency, and a three-percentage-point increase in Reading proficiency, all contributing to its overall improvement.

The middle school advanced from "Green" to "Blue" performance levels in Science, Social Studies, and Writing, while maintaining its Blue designation in Reading and Mathematics, reinforcing its overall strong performance.

Elementary grades at Adairville School also demonstrated notable academic progress:

* Science: Proficiency increased by 29 percentage points.

* Mathematics: Students scoring at the Novice level decreased by 10 percentage points.

* Social Studies: Proficiency rose by 6 percentage points.

Beason emphasized that this progress reflects foundational skill-building across all grade levels and supports the school's overall momentum.

"These accomplishments are truly a team effort," Beason said. "From our primary teachers who lay the foundation, to our intermediate and middle school teachers who continue building on that foundation, to our special education teachers, interventionists, related arts teachers, and support staff, everyone plays a part in our students' success."

While celebrating the state assessment honors, school leadership noted that academic metrics capture only a portion of the school's broader educational environment, keeping the focus on the full student experience.

"I think it's important to remember that there are so many things that make a school successful that a test can't measure: the relationships we build, the confidence we help students develop, and the countless ways our staff supports students every single day,"

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LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF ADAIRVILLE, KENTUCKY
INVITATION TO BID FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
ADDITIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS

RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the City of Adairville, Kentucky Wastewater Treatment Plant Additions and Improvements will be received at the office of the City of Adairville, PO Box 185, 110 North Main Street, Adairville, Kentucky 42202, Attention: Mayor Donna Blake on or before 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, November 12, 2026, and immediately thereafter all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The project will include the following described construction:
Furnishing and installation for the construction of the additions and modifications to the Adairville Wastewater Treatment Plant including new headworks and influent pumps, proposed aeration basin, electrical control building, blowers, piping modifications, new return activated sludge pump station, modifications to the existing aeration tanks / clarifiers, modifications to existing waste activated sludge pumps, new sludge dewatering facility, additional generator, post aeration, demolishing of existing structures, piping, equipment, plumbing, heating, ventilation, electrical, grading, and appurtenances as required for the modifications and improvements to the existing treatment plant and all other work as shown on the Construction Drawings or indicated in the Contract Specifications.

Official (numbered) Bid Documents shall be obtained at the office of Water Management Services, LLC, 2 International Plaza, Suite 401, Nashville, Tennessee 37217 (telephone: (615-366-6088). A nonrefundable fee of $200.00 must be made for each set obtained.

The successful bidder shall be required to fully complete all work within 540 consecutive calendar days from and after the date of the Notice to Proceed established in a written order from the City of Adairville, Kentucky.

The City of Adairville reserves the right to reject any proposal for failure to comply with all requirements of the notice or of any of the Contract Documents; however, it may waive any minor defects or informalities at its discretion. The City of Adairville further reserves the right to reject all proposals.

Dated at Adairville, Kentucky, on this 29th day of October 2026.

CITY OF ADAIRVILLE, KENTUCKY
BY: Donna Blake, Mayor