

BULLDOG SPORTS

On January 20th, the Bulldogs traveled to battle the Wilkerson Warriors. The first tip-off of the evening was the Junior Varsity Boys where the Dogs jumped to a 8-2 lead after three baskets by Montorious Fluellen and one by Dennis Holsey. WILCO cooled the Bulldogs with their full court press and eventually tied the Dogs at 12-12 with just under three minutes left in the first quarter. Dogs rallied to regain lead with baskets by Marquis Smith and Dequante Morris, 16-13 to end first quarter.

The second quarter began with the Dogs still ahead but could not shake the Warriors who capitalized on the Dogs sporadic turnovers. Baskets by Montorious Fluellen and Kaduan Edwards tried to revive Dogs who succumbed to the Warriors, 26-38 to end the half.

The second half, WILCO continued their rampage, 26-40. Eventually, the Dogs cooled the Warriors offensively with Dennis Holsey and Montorious Fluellen four baskets to WILCO's only two baskets to end the 3rd Quarter, 32-44.

Fourth quarter, Dogs turned up the heat on defense and offense and came within threat position, 44-46 with under three minutes left in game. Rick Shawn Thomas added to the scoreboard and tied the contest, 46-46. Dogs missed shots and WILCO's decision to stall the ball caused Dogs to foul. WILCO made good after two trips at the charity stripe to top the Dogs, 46-52. Montorious Fluellen led the Dogs with 14 points and 8 rebounds. Dennis Holsey, Kaduan Edwards, and Marquis Smith each had 6 points. Keondre Strother had 4 points.

In the Varsity Girls contest, the Lady Dogs missed about five shots that resulted in a 0-4 lead by WILCO early on into the game. Lady Dogs recovered with two baskets by Kristian Brown and a basket by Khadijah Forrest. Through it all the Lady Dogs trailed 7-8 by the end of the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Lady Dogs came out ready to put the game in the past with baskets by Senior Ikiah Palmer followed by Jamesha Nolley who came off the bench red hot with two consecutive 3 pointers. Ikiah Palmer scored again before the buzzer and ended the quarter, 24-13. After the half, WILCO came out with their pressure defense and stalled the Lady Dogs for almost three minutes in scoring. Two assists by Ikiah Palmer led to two baskets by Shambria Freeman. Jamesha Nolley drilled in another 3 pointer to end the quarter, 30-19.

During the final five minutes of the game, WILCO continued full court pressure and forced Lady Dogs to make several turnovers and missed shots which led to Lady Warriors six baskets, 32-26. Shambria Freeman scored two baskets with about three minutes left in the game, 36-32. Everyone was sitting on the edge of their seats at just under a minute left in the game as Lady Dogs missed several shots. WILCO made good on a crucial transition which led to a foul by Dogs. The shot was good at the charity stripe which brought the game to 36-35. Ball is stolen from Dogs after time out and shot is attempted by WILCO. Jessica Holsey rebounds but is fouled in bonus. Jessica makes the first but misses the second. After time by WILCO, a shot was made and missed, game over, 37-35 in favor of the Lady Bulldogs. Girls now have a 4-0 record in region 7B-A.

In the boys game, the Bulldogs had turnovers which Wilkerson took to their hoops as points, 0-4. Reginald Battle got the Dogs on the scoreboard to ignite the battle followed by O'Shea Wanambwa and Brian Marion, 6-6. The swift defense of WILCO allowed only 1 point by the Dogs ending the first quarter, 7-19.

During the second quarter, Dogs were plagued by turnovers and inability to get defensive position under WILCO's goal which led to two put backs. Dogs chipped in a few shots but still found themselves in the hole, 16-33.

Quantavious Culver came off the bench to beef up the offense drilling in 3 baskets and three free throws along with Marcus Walker four baskets. Great defensive efforts by Daryus Ransom, Devonta Reynolds, and O'Shea Wanambwa. The rally brought the Dogs within reach, 27-39.

In the third quarter, Marcus Walker drills in the first basket and later pumps in a 3 pointer. WILCO continued to make good on turnovers and missed shots by Dogs. Dogs are still unable to block out shooters and score goals which resulted in a large lead by the Warriors, 34-49. WILCO had their share of forced turnovers and missed shots in which allowed Dogs to pull within ten points with just under three minutes left in the game, 52-58. Marcus Walker drives in for a basket but is answered by WILCO twice, 54-62. Tension builds as baskets are traded with each side making trips to the charity stripe but soon the dust settled, with Dogs defeated 62-71. High scorers for the game was Marcus Walker with 18 points followed by Quantavious Culver with 13 points. O'Shea Wanambwa had 9 points followed by Brian Marion, Reginald Battle, and Dontarious Lowe with 8, 6, 5 points respectively. Dogs are now 3-2 in region 7B-A play.