

Wolverine hoops tip off, will play Wm. Byrd today

Tryouts and practice for high school basketball begin Monday but the Andrew Lewis Middle School teams have already started their season. The Andrew Lewis boys and girls have both had two games and will play again tonight against William Byrd opponents.

The Lewis teams opened last week against Franklin County with the girls at home and the boys in Rocky Mount. The Lewis girls battled to a win in a low-scoring game, 18-9, while the boys dropped a high scoring affair, 46-25.

Shaniya Robinson led the girls with six points and Daisy-Ann Dawyot had four. Those two also combined for 16 rebounds while Bailey Stratton had four steals.

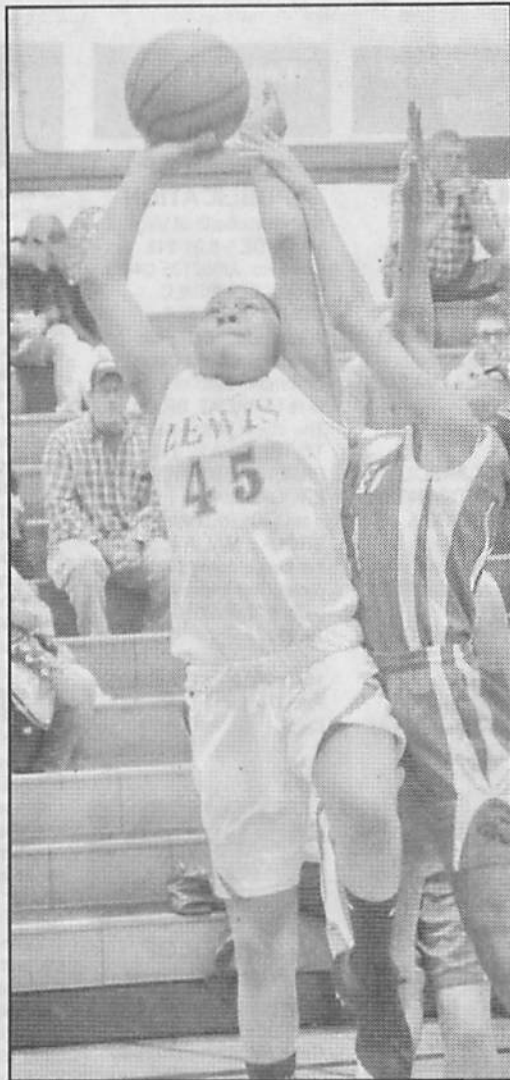
"I was really proud of the girls overall effort and defense," said coach Nat Franklin. "We have a lot of seventh graders and new comers to the team. With that said, we will have to rely on our defense and hustle until our offense catches up, which I thought we did a great job of against Franklin Co."

The boys lost to Franklin, but battled back to beat win at Read Mountain on Monday, 45-43.

"In our first game we battled hard but came up short to a well-coached and tough Ben Franklin team," said coach Brandon Keith. "Coming into our first game, we have some early season mistakes that were very costly but I was proud of the way our guys battled."

"Read Mountain was a great win for our morale and our program. We struggled to get going early and made some huge adjustments down the line. Kudos to our boys for responding so well and fighting on the defensive end and in transition in the second half."

The girls hosted Read Mountain on Monday and won 38-17 to improve to 2-0. The girls are at Byrd today while the boys will make their home debut against the Terriers in Salem at 5 pm.



Shaniya Robinson of Andrew Lewis scores against Franklin County. PHOTO BY BRIAN HOFFMAN