

AL girls still unbeaten

The Andrew Lewis basketball girls remained undefeated with three more wins, while the boys took two in a row to get back over .500 at 5-4.

The girls beat Read Mountain, Hidden Valley and Breckinridge. The Wolverines won 35-17 in Cloverdale behind 15 points from Summer Bayne and nine by

Kennedy Scates. Abby Baker had a dozen rebounds.

"I thought our defense really got things going until the offense came around," said coach Nat Franklin. "Read Mountain is a team that always plays hard and I thought our girls played with great effort and intensity."

Lewis nearly shut out Hidden Valley in a home

game last week, winning 51-1. Bayne had a dozen and three girls had half a dozen points, Brynn Bowen, Rachel Lafrancois and Neelah Logan.

On Monday Lewis hosted Breckinridge and won 43-6, as Lafrancois scored 10 and Baker had nine points and seven boards.

"We played a little sloppy at times, but I really liked the effort our girls gave against a scrappy Breckinridge team," said Franklin.

The boys almost turned the tables on a strong Read Mountain team last week, losing 43-42. That was a far cry from the season opener, when the Starz blew them out in Cloverdale.

"I was proud of the way we battled all game long, and the game turned out to be a thriller," said coach Brandon Keith. "This game taught us a lot about closing in the fourth quarter."

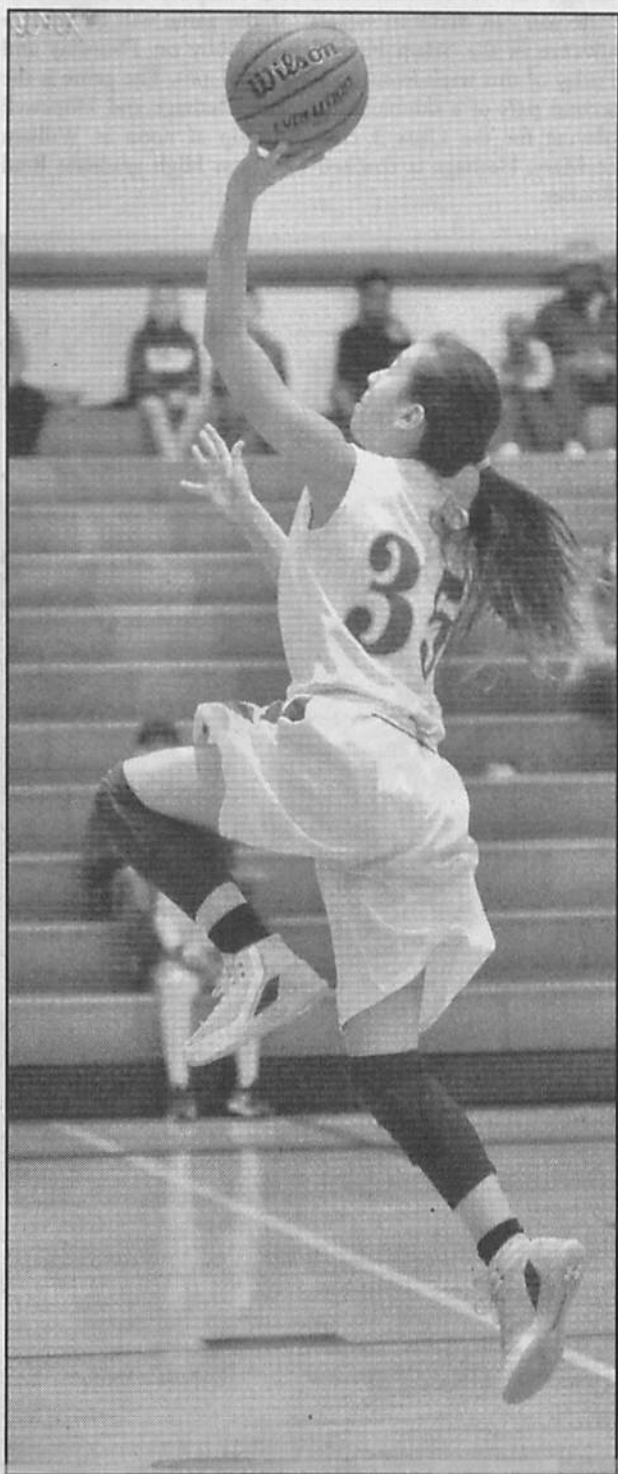
Last Thursday at Hidden Valley the Wolverines played another tight one and pulled out a 33-28 win. Hunter Bayne had 11 points and Chauncey Logan had seven.

"We played posied when it counted and were scrappy and determined to come out on top," said Keith.

On Monday, in the second game of a doubleheader with the girls, the boys completed the sweep with a 40-37 win over Breckinridge in Salem. Owyn Dawyot had eight points and Eli Bowery, Michael Hannah and Bayne gave Lewis strong play in the past against a tall Breckinridge team.

"I was proud of the way we played at home," said Keith. "We were focused and hungry for the entire 24 minutes. We controlled the tempo and played solid defense."

The Lewis teams are back in action tonight with the girls hosting Cave Spring and the boys playing at Cave Spring. On Saturday both teams are playing in the "Basketball Showcase" tournament at William Fleming High School.



Ryan Long goes to the hoop to score for the Andrew Lewis girls.

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