



Bailey Rider of Andrew Lewis is fouled as she goes to the hoop in Monday's win over Franklin County. Number 40 is Emme Custer.

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Wolverines win big in middle school basketball openers

The middle school basketball season opened Monday and the Andrew Lewis teams got off to a good start with wins over Franklin County in both the girls' and boys' games.

The girls played in Salem and took a 44-4 win over the Eagles, who didn't get on the scoreboard until the fourth quarter. Lexie Hart led Salem with 19 points while Emme Custer had six and Brinklee Hall had five points, including a three. Bailey Rider led the team with nine rebounds, Hart had seven steals and Custer had three blocks.

"I thought we came out a little slow but played much better the second half after our intensity picked up," said coach Nat Franklin. "Overall, a good start. Just looking forward to trying to improve."

The boys played in Rocky Mount and took a 60-24 win under coach DeWayne Harrell. Key contributions from Brody Dawyot and Jesiah Hines early helped pave the way for other players to contribute to the team win.

"As a whole, the kids played great team ball and excellent team defense," said Harrell. "I was mostly impressed with the way players moved without the basketball and made the extra pass. The bench was able to continue aggressive defense, which created fast break opportunities, and the five seventh graders gained lots of confidence after seeing the first 10 players dominate for three quarters."

Lewis is back in action today as the girls host Read Mountain and the boys play the Stars in Cloverdale. The boys' first home game is next Monday with William Byrd while the girls play the Terriers in Vinton.