

# Middle School hoop teams play today

Both the Andrew Lewis and Glenvar Middle School basketball teams will be in action today. The Glenvar teams will be at Covington Middle School while the Lewis girls host William Byrd and the Wolverine boys take on Byrd Middle in Vinton.

All four played on Monday of this week. The Lewis boys beat Read Mountain, 51-15, in Salem. Lewis led by 13 at the half and dominated the paint as Zion Honaker and Aiden Poff had big games.

“Read Mountain is very well coached and we had our hands full,” said Lewis coach Adam Rutledge. “We weren’t dialed in to start the game and it was close for the first half. Our challenge to the players at halftime was, can we play the best half of basketball defensively in the second half? The players responded by only allowing two points in the second half.”

The Lewis girls were at Read Mountain and took a 22-17 win. Jayla Wood led the team with nine points and eight rebounds while Elizabeth Keffer had big three pointer in the third quarter and had five points.

“We dug ourselves a hole in first half, but a lot of that was due to the improved play of Read Mountain,” said coach Nat Franklin. “We got back to playing good defense, sharing the ball, and limiting our turnovers in the second and pulled out the win.”

The Glenvar teams both played Radford on Monday. The boys dropped a 50-38 decision to the host Bobcats. Parker Doolan led the Highlanders with 13 points while JD Williamson had 11 and Landon Rakes scored eight.

The girls, who had lost to Radford at home the first time around, pulled out a 26-17 win. Leading scorer for the Highlanders was Ashante Byrd with 8 points while Scarlett McCall had five.

“Great win for our Highlanders,” said coach Tiana Byrd. “Our girls came out and played hard all night. We fought through their full court man to man defense and finished on our end.”

All four teams are back in action next Monday. Glenvar teams go to Floyd while the Lewis boys host Hidden Valley and the girls are at Hidden Valley.



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**Zion Honaker goes to the basket for Andrew Lewis Middle School.**