

Good start to season for Wolverines hoops

The Andrew Lewis Middle School basketball teams will have their third game of the season tonight as the girls host Central Academy at 5 pm and the boys play at CAMS in north Botetourt County.

The girls won their first two games, including their opener at home last week against Read Mountain, 33-19. The Maroons hit six three pointers, two each by Kendra Frederick, Sydney Byrd and Taylor Bolen. MaKenzie Moran led a stingy defensive effort, limiting Read Mountain to six first half points, and Melaysia Donaldson and Samantha Mitchem chipped in a total of 13 points and 11 rebounds.

On Tuesday the girls traveled to Hidden Valley and took a 45-16 win. Fifteen Lady Wolverines played with Moran leading the team with nine points Bolen and Donaldson had eight each.

The boys opened at Read Mountain and dropped a 37-19 game. Lewis trailed by just five points at the half and just seven after three before the Stars pulled away.

On Tuesday the Wolverines won their home opener, 32-24 over Hidden Valley. Lewis came from behind with a strong second half.

"We played a little tense during the first half, but we came out with a tremendous amount of energy and focus during the second half," said first year coach Brandon Keith. "Our focus and execution was tremendous to finish out the game."



Left, Tanner Dallas of Andrew Lewis handles the ball in Monday's win over Hidden Valley. Right, Samantha Mitchem of the Lewis girls' team scores over a Read Mountain player in last week's home opener.

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