



Elizabeth Keffer of Andrew Lewis Middle School (left in white uniform) chases down a loose ball in last week's season opening win over Franklin County in Salem.

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Lewis wins basketball openers

The Andrew Lewis Middle School basketball teams are off to a good start as both the boys and girls won their first two games.

The boys opened with two games on the road. They won at Ben Franklin Middle School last Thursday, 54-17, in coach Adam Rutledge's debut. Brady Geary led a balanced attack with nine points and Lewis held Franklin scoreless in both the first and third quarters.

"Our pressure proved to be too much for them," said Rutledge.

On Monday in Cloverdale the Wolverines won 38-19, as Lewis held the Stars to just two first quarter points. Point guard Braylon Smith led the team with 22 points."

"We really have a great group of kids," said Rutledge. "We're 15 deep and I'm comfortable with playing each and every one of them. We feel very fortunate because it's obvious these kids have been well coached before they got to us."

The girls played their first two games at home, opening with a 32-14 win over Ben Franklin last Thursday. Jayla Wood had eight points and Emma Elder and Elizabeth Keffer had seven each. Elder came off the bench to spark a second half run and blow the game open.

On Monday the Wolverines defeated Read Mountain, 34-6. Emily Warren hit two threes and

finished with a game high 14 while Rosie Horne had eight points and Evie Van Liew scored six. Van Liew and Wood were the leading rebounders in both games.

"Loved our hustle from the beginning to end," said coach Nat Franklin. "I thought we improved from game one to game two on both ends of the floor and that's our goal, to keep getting better."

Lewis is back in action today with the boys' playing their home opener against William Byrd and the girls' traveling to Vinton. Next Monday the boys are at Hidden Valley and the girls host the Eagles, and on Tuesday Pulaski is here for a girls-boys double-header.