

## **MJ LADY BEARS WIN BIG**

LEBANON -- Clutch free throw shooting down the stretch proved to be the difference Thursday as Lebanon's Devilettes held off a determined bunch from White County 65-56 in the first round of the District 7AAA tournament at Campbell Brandon Gymnasium.

LHS improved to 12-13 overall and will play No. 1-seeded Cookeville Saturday at 3 p.m. in the district semifinals at

Siegel

High School

. The victory assured Coach Ashley Johnson's squad of a berth in the Region 4AAA tournament.

The Devilettes led by 17 in the second quarter and by 14 at intermission, but White County (20-9) managed to cut the deficit to seven, 45-38, after three quarters of play.

White

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trimmed the margin to two points at 53-51 on a Tasha Delaney steal and lay-up with just less than three minutes left.

From that point, Lebanon polished off the win going 12-of-16 from the free throw line led by senior Shay Coggins who went 9-of-10 at the line in the fourth quarter and finished with 13 points.

Lebanon was led by District MVP Icelyn Elie who scored a season-high 29 points despite fouling out with 1:40 left in the game. Freshman guard McKenzie Lamberson and Anna Stafford each had seven points for the winners. LHS went 31-of-47 (65 percent) from the line for the game. White County was 22-of-26 (84 percent) for the contest.

**MT. JULIET 63, GALLATIN 50** – Mt. Juliet's Lady Bears advanced to the District 9AAA semifinals on the strength of a 63-50 victory over Gallatin Thursday night at "The Cave".

The No. 2-seed in the tournament,

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## **LHS girls eliminate White Co.**

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led 34-14 at the half and was never threatened. The Lady Bears will take a record of 23-5 into Saturday's

7 p.m.

game vs. No. 3 Smyrna at LaVergne High.

Ninth grade post player Caya Williams led MJHS with 24 points while junior Emily Gurchiek added 10 and Helen Mitchner chipped in with eight.