

GREENEVILLE -- Mt. Juliet will play Cocke County Thursday afternoon in the finals of the GreenBank Ladies' Classic at Hal Henard Gymnasium. The Lady Bears moved to the title game with a 64-49 win over Cosby (Va.), Wednesday, shooting a hot 72 percent from the floor -- likely the second best shooting performance in the 21-year history of the tournament.

Mt. Juliet got a standout effort from sophomore post Caya Williams, who dumped in 26 points on 10-of-14 shooting, and hauled in nine boards. Britt Bell chipped in with a double-double (22 points and 10 rebounds) to go along with five assists.

Helen Mitchner, Mt. Juliet's point guard, took a nasty spill and sustained a knot the size of a golf ball on her forehead, but returned to the game after being checked out by trainers.

The Bears led 14-9 after one quarter and 31-18 at intermission. Cosby could not catch up because Mt. Juliet hit 23-of-32 field goals in the game.

The Bears were last in the title game in 2006 when they lost to Wilson Central for the championship.

**CENTRAL ELIMINATED** -- Wilson Central, the two-time defending champs, was ousted in the consolation bracket of the GreenBank Ladies' Classic Wednesday afternoon, falling to Maryville High 49-36.

The Rebels (10-2) jumped out to a 12-3 first quarter advantage and commanded a 28-13 halftime edge. Wilson Central got the deficit at a dozen but could not bring it into single digits as Maryville maintained control.

Alex Breazeale and Tori Vaught shared scoring honors for Maryville with 13 points each. Rebekah Singleton had five steals and four assists.

Wilson Central (6-6) had Sydney Vanlandingham with 11 points and Taylor Peterson with 10.

**FCS FALLS TO GORDONSVILLE** -- Friendship Christian's Lady Commanders saw an 8-point lead slip away Wednesday as Gordonsville rallied for a 50-46 victory in the fifth place game of the Mid-State Christmas Tournament at the Bay Family Sportsplex.

Samantha Wright led the Tigerette comeback with a game-high 16 points. Kaity Woodall and Andi Morrisett each had 13 for the Lady Commanders -- who fell to 4-9 with the loss.

Gordonsville returns to Lebanon for a District 8A doubleheader Tuesday, Jan. 5 vs. Friendship Christian.