

**By TOMMY BRYAN**

LEBANON -- You just knew Teraes Clemmons was going to take the last shot in Mt. Juliet's thrilling 46-45 win over Lebanon Friday, Jan. 15 at jam-packed Campbell Brandon Gym.

Held to two points in the first half, Clemmons scored a dozen after intermission, including the game-winner with :07 left in regulation -- a smooth 15-footer from the right wing with an LHS defender draped on him.

Blue Devil Phillip Vance managed to get off a shot from the deep corner just before the buzzer, but missed as the Bears escaped with the victory.

"Man, can you believe the atmosphere," said MJ coach Troy Allen, "this is what it's all about -- two teams playing with great heart and energy."

Mt. Juliet improved to 14-3 overall and 5-1 in District 9AAA with the win. Lebanon slipped to 9-9 / 1-4 with the loss.

"I can't fault my kids," LHS coach Doug Keil said after the game, "they played so hard. We had a stretch there of about four minutes when we didn't play very smart, but our effort was outstanding all night."

Soph Caleb Chowbay paced Mt. Juliet with 15 points, including three 3-pointers. Clemmons finished with 14 and Vaughn Cornelia had nine from the paint.

Lebanon was led by 17 from senior Ryan Beadle, who knocked down two 3-pointers and calmly went 6-for-6 at the line in the late stages of regulation. Justin Bridges had seven, including a pair of deep 3-pointers while Vance had two 3-pointers for six. Justin Manning had six, Cameron High five and Case Sloan four for the tough-luck Blue Devils.

**(girls) Mt. Juliet 59, Lebanon 30**

Mt. Juliet's No. 3-ranked Lady Bears ran out to a 12-0 lead and never looked back in a 59-30 win over Lebanon in Friday's opener. Mt. Juliet opened up a 38-8 lead at intermission and improved to 17-1 overall, 6-0 in District 9AAA. Lebanon fell to 12-5 / 3-2 in league play.

"We had a very good night shooting the ball," MJ coach Chris Fryer said, "this bunch has good chemistry and tonight we really played well."

Caya William had 14 and Britt Bell 12 for the winners. LHS was led by Britnie McDannald with seven and Victoria Dye with six.