

JACKSON -- Cumberland shot just 33 percent in the second half and committed 21 turnovers in the contest, dropping a 77-50 decision to top-ranked Union University Monday night in women's basketball action in Jackson.

The Bulldogs (8-14, 2-10 TranSouth) trailed 40-28 at halftime after a late spurt to end the period by the home team. CU shot 46 percent in the half and was 5-for-9 from 3-point range, ending a three-game drought from behind the arc.

But Cumberland again struggled offensively in the second half, as Union started the period with an 18-6 spurt to put the game out of reach.

Allysia Bailey scored a career-high 20 points for the Bulldogs, who played without leading scorer Keshia Brown for the second straight game because of an injury. Bailey was 8-for-19 from the floor, while the rest of the squad hit just 11-for-29 from the field.

Union (26-1, 13-0) also scored 23 second chance points on 20 offensive rebounds and dominated the boards overall, 43-26. Lavanda Ross scored 19 points to lead four Union players in double figures. Kaitlin Dudley and Zeinab Chan both netted 14 points, while Jessica Graves added 10 points and Ashley Dillard grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds.

Cumberland hosts Bethel University Thursday night as part of Alumni Night and Coming Home. The Bulldogs will also be participating in the WBCA's Pink Zone initiative for cancer

LEBANON -- Brandon Springer pulled down a career-high 16 rebounds and scored 26 points to lead Cumberland University to a 79-49 win over rival Trevecca Nazarene University Saturday at the Dallas Floyd Recreation Center.

The double-double marked the 16th of the year for the senior out of Hunters Lane High School, who now sits eight points shy of 1,000 for his career, and the first since having a streak of seven straight snapped earlier this month.

Cumberland (10-14, 7-4) never trailed the Trojans (17-8, 8-4) and were only challenged early in the contest as the Bulldogs jumped on top of the visiting Trojans quickly, building a 19-point lead before the nine-minute mark of the opening half.

After Trevecca cut the Bulldog advantage to two at 8-6, Cumberland responded with a 19-2 run that included a trio of 3-pointers. Six Bulldogs scored during the stretch, with Springer totaling seven points.

CU pushed the lead out to 20 points three times in the first half, the last coming when Haris Batalevic drove the baseline from the right corner and finished with a reverse layup. From there the Trojans scored 10 straight points and had several chances to cut the deficit to single digits, but they were never able to pull any closer.

Two more 3-pointers by Cumberland, including one by Adam Barnett with 13 seconds left on the first-half clock gave the Bulldogs a 45-29 lead at intermission.

Cumberland added runs of 12-3 and 12-0 in the second half to coast to the easy victory.

The Bulldogs extended their home winning streak against TNU to three games, all of which have been decided by at least 17 points, and improved to 7-3 against the Trojans at home under head coach Lonnie Thompson.

Walter Simon and Lamar Brinkley each added 10 points, while Lindal Yarbrough contributed six assists to lead the team in that category. Jeremy Dixon and Michael France scored 15 and 14 points for Trevecca, respectively.

WOMEN FALL TO TNU -- Cumberland cut into a 10-point halftime deficit but was unable to pull closer than five points, and K.C. Van Atta scored a game-high 25 points, leading 12th-ranked Trevecca Nazarene to a 56-49 victory over the Lady Bulldogs Saturday at the Dallas Floyd Recreation Center.

Cumberland (8-13, 2-9 TranSouth) suffered its sixth conference loss of seven points or less and missed multiple chances to pull within a single bucket in the final five minutes of the game.

The Lady Bulldogs committed a pair of turnovers, missed a short jumper and a 3-pointer, all in the final five minutes of the game. Trevecca's Christian Gibson also tracked down a long rebound after a missed 3-pointer by Abby Lawson with 1:04 to play. Gibson was fouled and knocked down the two free throws to push the Trojans lead to 54-47 and just about put the game away.

Van Atta was a one-player wrecking crew for the Trojans in the first half, scoring 17 points on 6-of-9 shooting, including a pair of 3-pointers. The junior was just 3-of-12 in the second half, but scored the final basket of the game on a breakaway layup with 42 seconds remaining.