

PADUCAH, KY -- Allysia Bailey scored a career-high 28 points and Cumberland hit seven 3-pointers en route to a 73-56 victory over Mid-Continent Monday in women's basketball action. The game was a make-up from a January 25 contest that was snowed out.

Cumberland (7-16, 3-12) ended a six-game losing streak with the victory and all but assured itself of finishing seventh in the TranSouth and avoiding a first round play-in game next Tuesday.

The Lady Bulldogs jumped out to a 15-6 lead in the first five minutes of the contest, with Ashley Whitmore and Bailey each scoring four points and Brittany Cash capping the spurt with a 3-pointer. CU pushed its advantage to as much as 34-16 after an Angie Wells layup with 5:27 to play in the half.

Cumberland held a 36-24 lead at intermission after making four 3-pointers and limiting Mid-Continent to just 36 percent shooting.

The second half was more of the same for CU, but not before the home team made a run. MCU cut the deficit to 51-41 with a Katelyn Perry 3-point play with 12:27 remaining, but the Bulldogs answered with an 11-0 stretch to put the game away, highlighted by a pair of buckets and three free throws from Bailey.

Bailey's 3-pointer with 5:14 to play put Cumberland ahead, 69-45, the largest lead of the game for the Lady Bulldogs.

Bailey made 10-of-14 shots from the field in the game and scored 16 points in the first half. Wells scored 10 points, just her second double figure game of the year.

Perry led MCU with 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Nicki Dewitt added 11.

Cumberland plays a nonconference game at King College in Bristol, Thursday night before ending the regular season Saturday at home against Mid-Continent.