MT. JULIET -- Lebanon threw some mighty powerful punches at Mt. Juliet Tuesday night, but the Bears managed to shake out the cobwebs en route to a thrilling 66-59 win over their rivals.

Jacking up shots, literally from the opening tip, the Blue Devils connected on their first 11 attempts from the field and bolted to a 24-17 first quarter lead.

All told, Lebanon knocked down six 3-pointers in the first quarter and 11 for the half, taking a 36-33 lead into intermission.

As usual senior Caleb Chowbay paced the Mt. Juliet comeback. The Belmont signee scored 10 of his game-high 23 points in the fourth quarter as the Golden Bears outscored LHS 22-10 down the stretch, snapping a two-game losing streak.

C.J. McEwen tossed in 11 for the Bears while Quinton Hall added 19 as Mt. Juliet improved to 21-5 overall / 11-2 in District 9AAA.

LHS was led by 17 points from Zimmer Hunn, who hit four 3-pointers, and 15 points from Jemel Officer -- who dialed up three 3-pointers. Julian Crutchfield had eight points and Cameron High was limited to five. Lebanon fell to 10-15 overall / 5-8 in league play.

Mt. Juliet 52, Lebanon 29 (girls)
MT. JULIET -- Senior Caya Williams scored 28 points as Mt. Juliet defeated District 9AAA rival Lebanon 52-29 Tuesday.

The Lady Bears improved to 25-2 overall and 13-0 in District 9AAA headed into Friday's game at Wilson Central. Sally McCabe had 10 points for MJHS and Jamasha Jackson chipped in with seven.

Lebanon slid to 13-13 overall / 6-7 in the league headed into Friday night's game at Portland.