

Cumberland's basketball teams swept a TranSouth Conference doubleheader from Bethel Thursday night at the Dallas Floyd recreation Center.

In the women's game, Jessica Pace scored 15 points freshman Katie Smith added a season-best 14 points, as Cumberland rolled to a 71-62 victory over Bethel.

Simone Ryan, Casie Cowan and Courtney Atkinson each netted 11 points for the Bulldogs (13-13, 8-6 TranSouth), who shot 61 percent in the first half and then hit every big shot when necessary after intermission whenever the Wildcats (13-14, 5-8) tried to get back in the game.

Gallatin native **Michael Sweat** scored 20 points and grabbed a career-high 17 rebounds to lead the CU men to 83-66 victory over Bethel University in the nightcap.

The Bulldogs (20-7, 10-4 TranSouth) won their seventh straight game overall and avenged a 76-66 defeat to the Wildcats (15-12, 5-8) in McKenzie on January 16 that started a four-game conference losing streak for CU.

Sweat posted a double-double in the first half with 13 points and 10 boards. Cumberland's 11-0 run over a four-minute stretch in the first half opened up a tie game in the early going and a 13-2 spurt later in the period put the Bulldogs ahead, 39-22, at the break.

Sweat posted 13 points and 10 rebounds in the half and the Bulldogs forced 10 turnovers, which they turned into 14 points. Five different players scored during the 11-0 spurt and Sweat and Jerret Towns each netted five points during the 13-2 run, as CU got out on the break early and often and limited the Wildcats to just 31 percent shooting as well.

Cumberland heads to Martin Methodist on Saturday for a 2 p.m. doubleheader and will finish the regular season at home on February 25 against Mid-Continent.