

LEBANON -- Yalonda Davis and Casie Cowan each scored five points during an 18-0 run in the second half, as No. 6 Cumberland overcame cold shooting in the opening period and posted a 64-52 victory over Lindsey Wilson Saturday at the Dallas Floyd Recreation Center.

The Bulldogs (24-1, 15-1 Mid-South) couldn't catch a break around the basket in the first half and allowed the Blue Raiders (15-10, 6-9) to shoot 50 percent from the field in the period, including six second-chance points. CU made just 7-of-25 shots at one point in the opening half and trailed by 10 midway through the period before a 10-2 spurt highlighted by two 3-pointers from Briannica Tye left the home team down by a point at the break.

Lindsey Wilson netted the first four points of the second half with a jumper by Tara Arnold and two free throws from Jasmine Brimm, but Cowan's 3-pointer and then an 18-footer tied the game at 36 and ignited the Bulldog offense. Davis netted five points during the run as well, finally getting a bucket plus the foul to stay in the rim and ending the spurt with two foul shots.

Calamity Jane Coley came off the bench to provide energy and offense as well, getting a putback and then running the floor on the fast break and finishing with a layup. The freshman added a block and three rebounds in seven minutes of action during the run.

Brimm finally ended the scoreless stretch for the Blue Raiders after almost seven minutes, but by then Cumberland led by 11 and never looked back. CU pushed its advantage to as many as 14 points and LWC never got closer than 10 the rest of the way.

Tye was the only Bulldog in double figures, posting 20 points and breaking out of an offensive slump after scoring just two points and making 1-of-17 shots, including 0-for-8 from 3-point range. She hit three trifectas in the contest and was 5-of-6 at the foul line along with four assists and two steals in the win.

London Elie and Davis both recorded eight points while TaCouya Allen added six points and Simone Ryan posted six boards and a team-best eight boards in only 21 minutes of action. Ryan started her first game of the year in place of Jessica Pace, the team's leading scorer and rebounder, after Pace injured her ankle in the second half of Thursday's win over Campbellsville University.

Cumberland hosts 21st-ranked Shawnee State on Thursday and will take on the University of Rio Grande next Saturday, February 16, in the annual Play4Kay game as well as Senior Day.

**(men) Lindsey Wilson 72, CU 55**

No. 3-ranked Lindsey Wilson went on a 17-7 first half run in a 72-55 victory over Cumberland

Saturday afternoon at the Dallas Floyd Recreation Center.

Brian Blackmon scored a game-high 20 points for CU but no other Bulldog amounted double digits, while the Blue Raiders (23-2, 13-2) had three players score 11 or more points, led by 18 from Kalen Kimberland, 13 of which came in the second half.

Cumberland (8-17, 4-12) was cold from the floor, particularly from the 3-point line, going 1-12 on the night compared to LWC's 9-of-17 from deep. The Blue Raider bench was a huge factor in the game, contributing 27 points, while the Bulldog reserves scored 10.

Cumberland returns to action next week at home, facing Shawnee State on Thursday at 8 p.m. and the University of Rio Grande on Saturday at 4 p.m.