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West Virginia stars sweep MD

Girls win tight game 45-41, while boys contest decided by 18 points, 104-86

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FROSTBURG — The Mountain State towered above the Old Line State Sunday during the 30th Annual Lion's All-Star Basketball Classics at Frostburg State Arena, collecting a sweep with a 104-86 win in the boys and a 45-41 victory for the girls.

This event is held every year to honor the best high school senior basketball players in Western Maryland and Eastern West Virginia. It is sponsored by the Frostburg Lions Club and McDonald's Restaurants since 1999.

The Maryland girls got off to an early lead when Allegany's Kelly Baker netted her first field goal. West Virginia and Petersburg's Alisha Webster answered with a basket of her own to tie the score at two apiece. An exchange of the lead happened two more times until Webster sank a field goal to the WV team a 6-4 lead. West Virginia held an edge going into the half, leading Maryland 20-15.

After Keyser's Julia Ludwick sank a free throw to make it a 21-15 lead, Southern's

Emillee Bosley hit a three for Maryland to cut the score to 21-18. Ludwick, and Frankfort's Courtney Dolly each netted a field goal to extend the WV lead to 25-18 before another three-pointer from Bosley started a 7-point run for Maryland that tied the game at 25. Moorefield's Victoria Wright broke the tie with a field goal and gave WV the lead, 27-25.

With 5:25 left to play, Southern's Heidi Welch hit a three-pointer to bring Maryland back and tie the game at 36. At the 3:06 mark, West Virginia went on a 6-point run to take the lead for good, 42-37. Ludwick hit her last two free throws of the day with 26 seconds left on the clock to take the game for West Virginia.

Ludwick finished the game with 11 total points and went 7-for-11 from the free-throw line. Wright was named Co-MVP for West Virginia with Webster. Wright netted nine points, while Webster added eight of her own.

On the Maryland side, Welch and Bosley were named Co-MVPs for their efforts. Welch put up 10 points in the afternoon, including two of Maryland's five three-pointers. Bosley added eight points, also with two three-pointers.



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Southern's Heidi Welch (5) drives the lane while Moorefield's Victoria Wright (25) trails Sunday afternoon at Frostburg State University during the 30th Frostburg Lions All-Star Senior Basketball Classic between Maryland and West Virginia.



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