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West Virginia sweeps Maryland during Lions Classic

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Late Maryland run falls short in 54-53 loss; West Virginia boys win pulling away

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FROSTBURG — Balanced scoring efforts on the boys' and girls' sides pushed the West Virginia teams to victories over Maryland in the 31st annual Lions Club All-Star Basketball Classic on Sunday afternoon at Frostburg State University.

The West Virginia girls held off a late push from Maryland to claim a 54-53 win. Maryland trailed, 52-45, with about two minutes to play before Northern Garrett's Kaitlynn Fratz went on a personal 6-0 run to cut the deficit to one, 52-51.

The teams traded baskets and Maryland had a chance to tie or take the lead with 10 seconds to play, but Maryland couldn't convert at the free-throw line.

West Virginia got scoring from all angles. Frankfort's Savannah Hose and Katie Bush, along with Tucker County's Audra Hull, led the way with 10 points each. East Hardy's

Emily Beck had nine, while her high school teammate Ashley Dove had eight.

Fratz led all scorers with 18. Mountain Ridge's Madi Nightengale and Bishop Walsh's Ashley Turnbull had 10 apiece.

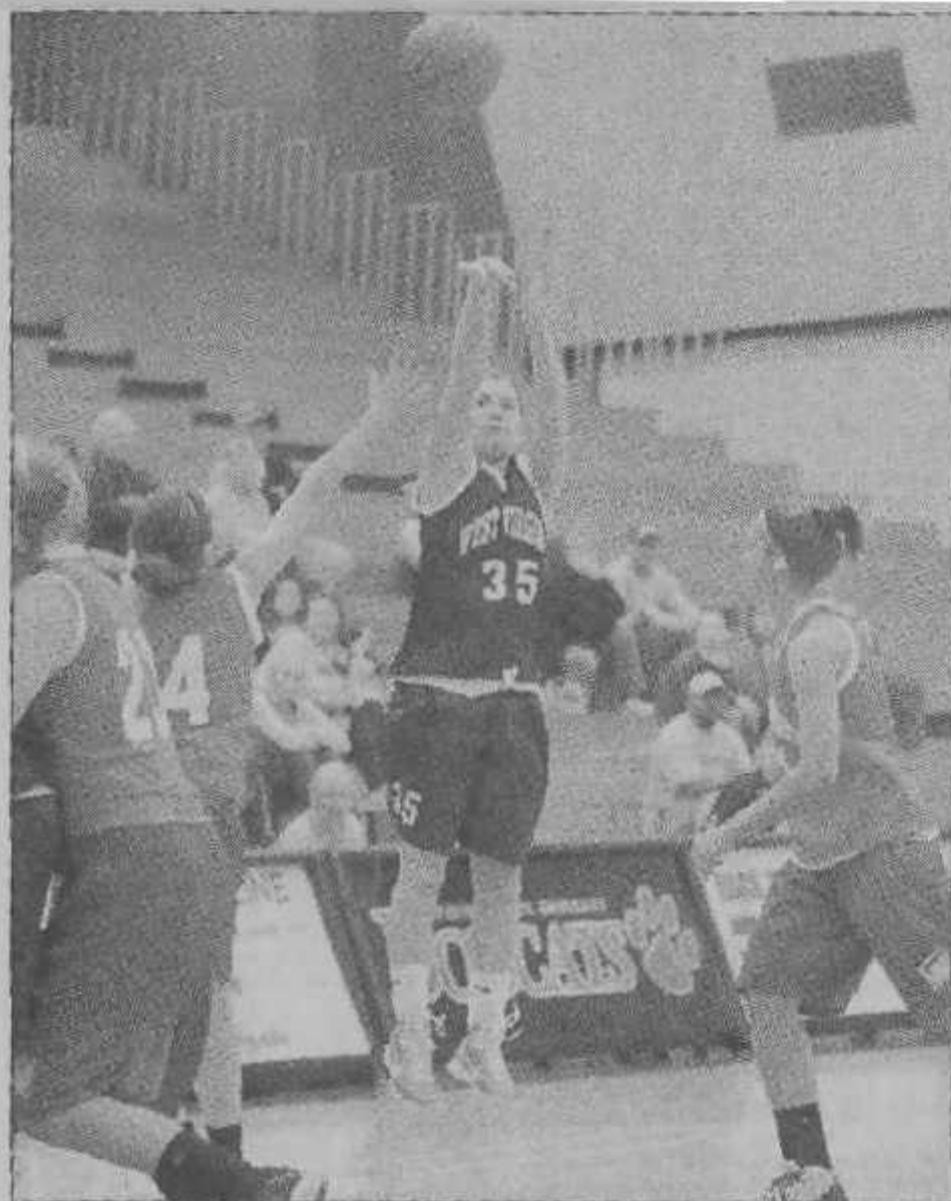
The West Virginia boys showed their scoring prowess in defeating Maryland, 104-83. Keyser's Peyton Hartman led the five West Virginia seniors in double figures with 17 points.

It was just a four-point game at the intermission with West Virginia ahead, 43-39. They broke the game open in the opening minutes of the second half, expanding that lead to 21 with a 19-2 run to make it 62-41.

Maryland would pull it back to single digits later in the half, as the lead was dropped to 72-64 at the midway point of the second. Bishop Walsh's Richard Mann paced the Maryland squad with 16 points.

The West Virginia team pulled away, though, and eased into a 21-point win. West Virginia showed its athleticism as Hartman and Keyser teammate Wes Washington connected on an off-the-backboard alley-oop which drew applause from the crowd.

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Frankfort's Savannah Hose pulls up for a jumper Sunday during the Lions Club All-Star Classic at Frostburg State University. Hose scored 10 points as West Virginia's girls held on for a 54-53 win over Maryland.



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