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The Macon County High School Basketball teams welcomed the Blue Devils of Lebanon on November 16, 2010, for a challenge that stayed neck-in-neck throughout each game.

***In the girls game...*** Macon County was able to lead 11-10 by the end of the first quarter and 29-27 at the halftime break. By the end of the third period, the score became tied at 41 each. Opening the fourth quarter, the Tigerettes marked a three-point lead and by mid-quarter of the final round, Macon County was up by four points, 49-45.

The Lady Blue Devils proved to be a fierce competitor, and with 0.6 showing in the game, they were able to come back to knot the challenge at 60-60, forcing an overtime period.

The jump off went to Macon County's possession, however Lebanon stole the ball and fouled out #42 Katie Reid, grabbing a two-point lead in the process. #52 Katelyn Bean attempted two shots from under the goal and was fouled to pick up one point. Lebanon stole the ball on the next Macon County throw in and missed their lay-up attempt. #12 Kailyn Brooks grabbed the rebound and was fouled for a 63-62 lead.

The Lady Blue Devils missed three scoring attempts, allowing Kelsey Gregory to pick up the rebound and score, 65-62. The visitors picked up one point on Katelyn Bean's second foul. Bean then took a free throw of her own to make a three-point game, with 1:27 left to play. Two free throws for Gregory inched the score to 68-63. Calamity Jane Coley picked up her first foul with less than one minute to play, allowing Lebanon to shorten their trail with two-free shots, 68-65.

Adrenaline was racing through each team, and with .46 on the clock, Gregory was fouled and added two-points to the Tigerettes lead, 70-65. At 40.3, Lebanon was able to foul out Gregory and pick up two needed points, 70-67.

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Free throws is what helped Macon County hold on to their lead in the final few moments of the game. Kailyn Brooks picked up two points on a foul with 33.7 left on the game clock. Lebanon scored their last two points of the night on the second foul from Brooks at 23.3. Tigerette Terra Pryor was fouled at 19.6 for one point, 73-69, and Coley grabbed the last point with a foul at 3.6 for the hard-earned 74-69 victory over Lebanon.

***In the boys game...*** Macon County ended the first quarter with a 14-13 lead, but by half time, the visiting Blue Devils had worked their way to a 23 point tie.

At the end of the third period, Lebanon had outplayed Macon County for a 42-37 advantage.

The five point game going into the final quarter was quickly changed by the Tigers with a Dallas Grace lay-up and a 3-pt. shot by Tyler Manning.

Lebanon broke the tie with a two-pt. shot at 5:32, that was quickly answered by Zack Billenstein at 5:34. One minute later, Lebanon re-tied the game at 46 each.

Billenstein picked up two free-throws and Grace stole for two, now leading by a score of 50-46.

With less than one minute to play, Lebanon nailed a 3-pt. shot making the final fight down to a four-pt. game, MCHS 58, LHS 54.

Foul shots late in the game also helped the Tigers hang on to their lead, with three free-throw points by Grace, two FT from Shawn Kemp, and one FT from Tyler Manning. Macon County was able to seal their win, Macon County 64, Lebanon 56.

Macon County traveled to East Robertson and won both games on November 19th. These reports will be published in next week's edition.

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The MCHS teams will travel to Trousdale Co. on November 23, and will compete in the Livingston Tourney on November 26. The next home game is set for Tuesday, November 30 against Gordonsville.