

MCJHS Teams Exit in Semi-Finals

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Both the Macon County Junior High Boys and Girls teams lost this past week in the semi-finals of the TNT State Middle School Tournament. Both Macon teams provided fans with some great basketball and a memorable season.

The MCJHS Girls faced North Middle from Winchester in the quarter finals. The Junior Tigerettes came out a little flat and quickly found themselves in a hole. After one period, MCJHS trailed 10-17. Lindsey Belton led these girls back in the second hitting two big buckets before the half. Score MC 18 NM 21. Both teams traded run for run and Abby Welch scored 6 of her game high 18 points in the third. Down the stretch Paige Clark hit a big three pointer to take the lead and Macon held on to beat a really good North Middle team by a final of 42-40.

Scoring were: Lindsey Belton 8, Kassidy Brooks 3, Jordan Shockley 2, Paige Clark 9, Abby Welch 18, and Kenzie Green 2. Brandi Garmon, Sarah Carter, and Luci Allen all played but did not score.

The Macon girls faced Robert Ellis Middle School from Hendersonville in the semi-finals. Not much to say about this game. Both teams played some sloppy ball. The Junior Tigerettes managed just three points in the entire first half while shooting 1 of 18 from the field. At the half Macon trailed 3 to 11. The girls could not cut into the deficit and couldn't stop the Robert Ellis scorers. Final score MCJHS 18 REM 35.

Scoring were: Belton 2, Brooks 3, Shockley 2, Clark 5, Welch 2, Green 1, Allen 1, and Jordan Hauskins 1. Garmon, Carter, Allie Dixon, and McKenzie Mercer all played but did not score.

The MCJHS Boys faced North Parkway from Jackson in the semi-finals. The Tigers tried to run with the athletic kids from Jackson and held the game close, trailing 13-14 after one. Evan Perrigo had to leave the game in the second quarter because of a nose bleed, and the Patriots made a run. However, the Tigers were able to close the gap and trailed 28-29 at the half. In the third period, North Parkway made a run that Macon could not contain. The speed and pressure proved too much for the Tigers and by the forth quarter the game was all but decided. Final score Macon 52 North Parkway 72.

Scoring were: Evan Perrigo 26, Clay Carnahan 5, Kendrick Carter 9, Trace McPherson 8, and Matt Hudson 4. Matt Austion, Michael Ashburn, Gene Carman, Nick Hill, and Jed Coley all played but did not score.