

## RBS Girls Claim 3rd in District

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The Red Boiling Springs Lady Bulldogs would take on Watertown girls for third place in the district tournament last Monday night and in a very hard fought game were to pull away in the fourth quarter for a 48-35 victory that was a lot closer than the score indicates.

Before a packed house of fans from both schools the first quarter was a feel out the opponent situation as both teams were playing very close to the vest. The Lady Bulldogs led after the first quarter 12-7 but that lead would disappear later on in this contest. The Lady Bulldogs got 5 points from Morgan Burgener and 4 points from Kalisha Lynch and 3 points from Mayson Burgener for the Lady Bulldog scoring in the first quarter.

The second quarter was almost a duplicate of the first quarter as the Lady Bulldogs were outscored by one point as they took a lead of 23-19 at halftime. Morgan would lead the way with 7 points while Katie Hix would add 2 points. These two evenly matched teams were playing hard and there was no reason to believe that we were not heading for a fantastic finish.

The third quarter was a very close throughout as neither team could break away from the other. Watertown had a run coming and they managed to pull lever at 25 all but never got the lead. The Lady Bulldogs would outscore the Lady Tigers 12 to 10 to take a 35-29 lead into the final quarter. The Lady Bulldogs got those 12 points from Kalisha Lynch with 5 points while Katie Hix scored 4 points and Kelsey Jenkins made another long 3 pointer.

The fourth quarter the Lady Bulldogs was able to do what all basketball coaches preach and that is to make your free throws and play smart defense. The Lady Bulldogs made 8 out of 8 free throws and Mayson Burgener scored 6 points in the quarter to lead the Lady bulldogs to their victory. The Red Boiling Springs kids did this with Morgan Burgener sitting out with 4 fouls much of the third quarter and into the final stanza. The Lady Bulldog defense would hold Watertown to only 6 points in the 4th quarter.

Red Boiling Springs now heads up to Clay County to take on Joe Sims and his Lady Bulldogs in

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Regional action where the loser goes home and the winner advances to Livingston to finish the Region and play for a sub-state berth. The All-Tournament team from district 8A Girls: Deja Jones from Friendship, Hailey Speck from Watertown, Morgan Burgener and Katie Hix from Red Boiling Springs. From Trousdale County: Natalie Storey, Hannah Gregory and Shelby Gregory. From Gordonsville: Arielle Davis, Jacqueline Crawford, Kimme Bush and the most valuable player from Gordonsville - Charli Vaden.

The Red Boiling Springs Lady Bulldogs basketball season came to an end last Friday night in Celina as the Lady Bulldogs lost to Clay County in the first round of the regional tournament.

This was one of those games where Red Boiling Springs was trying to pull off a major upset but Clay County was much the better team and therefore Clay County will move on to Livingston to play Gordonsville who won over Monterey to earn the right to play Clay County.

The Lady Bulldogs have had trouble scoring early in games this year and tonight was no exception as they trailed after the first quarter by a score of 9-4. This would be as close as the Lady Bulldogs would get all game as everything Clay County put up went in while the Lady Bulldogs struggled with their shots falling and fell behind by half-time by a score of 34-11. Katie Hix led RBS in scoring in the first half with 6 points.

Clay County is as good as any team the Lady Bulldogs have faced this year, and they are headed to the state tournament along with Jackson County while Clarkrange sits at home. We will see how this prediction turns out.

The second half of the game was a little bit better for the RBS girls than the first half as they managed to put up 24 points on the scoreboard while coach White cleared his bench early in the fourth quarter.

The uniforms now go to the mothballs and next season seems like a long time away and now we also wait on a decision from Lady Bulldog coach Larry White as to where he will return for next year or retire. I have not posed that question to the coach but my bet is that he will return. Red Boiling Springs basketball and Larry White have been together now for almost 40 years so it would be hard for him to walk away. In due time coach White will let us know what his decision is. Lady Bulldog scoring totals for the final game of the season: Katie Hix-14 points, Morgan Burgener-12 points, Kalish Lynch-7 points and Kristen Davis - 2 points.

One final thought on these kids was that they never gave up and although many games were lost long ago these kids fought to the bitter end every time they took the floor and that is all any coach or the fans can ask for. Good luck girls.