

and makes them better.

Weithman triggers 38 special for Blake

■ A review of the week in
county girls basketball

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Blake senior Christine Weithman scored 38 points, the most in the school's 12-year history, in a 70-47, opening-night girls basketball victory

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■ www.gazette.net/montsports The four-year starter hit 13 shots from the field, including five 3-pointers, to help the Bengals erase a 10-point first-half deficit.

Weithman broke the single-game scoring record previously set by 2009 alumna Danielle

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Douglas, who scored 36 against Northwest on Feb. 17 of this year. Coincidentally, Douglas' current squad (Bryant University, R.I.) defeated St. Francis (N.Y.) on Friday, which happens to feature Weithman's older sister, Melissa. The elder Weithman graduated from Blake in 2005.

It was one of several factoids that made the night special.

"Christine lost her grandpa over the summer and this was the first time she played without him in the gym, which made it a little [emotional]," said Blake head coach Patti Gilmore.

"The funny thing is, and this is the sign of a really confident shooter: The first four shots Christine puts up don't go in, and she still sets the scoring record. ... And she did it on a box-and-one for two-thirds of the game."

• Not to be outdone, Blair sophomore Johanna Lopez totaled 37 points and 12 rebounds Friday night at Clarksburg. Even better, Lopez rebounded teammate Sarah McMillan's miss and put back a miraculous shot at the buzzer, erasing a 16-point second-half deficit and giving the Blazers a 67-66 victory.

• Top-ranked Holy Cross began the winter with three straight wins, thanks in large part to two sophomore newcomers. On Dec. 2, Magruder transfer

Pandora Wilson scored 20 points in the Tartans' 51-47, come-from-behind victory over Baltimore County's St. Frances. Watkins Mill transfer Lanay Montgomery posted game highs of 21 points and 10 rebounds in an 84-25 thrashing of Don Bosco Cristo Rey (D.C.) two nights later.

• All five starters returned this season for No. 2 Seneca Valley, including University of Virginia commit Kelsey Wolfe. But on Friday, the All-Gazette first-team guard was saddled by foul trouble, finishing with just 4 points.

No matter. Sophomore guard Bridget Rothert showed the Screaming Eagles are deep as well, coming off the bench to score a game-high 17 points in a 59-30 victory over Kennedy.

by coach Beth Muehl.

"We're really lucky to have so many individuals," Muehl said.

Sprinter Olivia Exponé transfer

