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Colonels take command in victory over Walter Johnson

11 Magruder girls score in 73-54 rout; Wildcats still winless on the year

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Behind a 15-point performance from sophomore guard Amanda Witmer Friday night, the host Magruder girls basketball team defeated Walter Johnson, 73-54.

The Lady Colonels (5-14) got off to a quick start and led 16-9 after one quarter of play and 36-19 at the half.

But the Wildcats (0-20) would rally to cut the deficit to six, 46-40, after Sarah Howie's (22 points) rebound and put-back at the end of the third. Howie's basket capped a 15-4 run that started when Magruder's top two scorers were forced to the bench with foul trouble.

At the 4 minute, 12 second mark of the third, Colonels freshman Pandora Wilson (14 points, 11 rebounds) picked up her fourth personal foul. Ninety seconds later, Witmer also received her fourth foul.

While the two sat on the bench until midway through the final quarter, their teammates were able regain momentum. A total of 11 Colonels tallied points, including sophomore Nadia Salameh (14 points) and senior Lauren Bevan (11 points).

"We definitely played as a team tonight," said Witmer, who also notched six assists, four blocks and four rebounds. "Having all 11 girls play was a big part our win tonight. I give total credit to them because having four fouls is never good. They stepped up and I congratulate them on that end."

Added Magruder coach Erin Borsody: "We hadn't had a game in over a week so it was really nice to see them come out hard and be consistent throughout. ... There is no superstar on this team. Even if the leaders and captains get in trouble, there is someone there to step up. We win and lose as a team. I am really proud of the bench tonight."

Walter Johnson's Catherine Madden contributed with 10 points.

"The thing you can't take away from my team is we don't quit," said Wildcats coach Lynn Poznanski. "We were down 17 at the half and were able to bring it down to six with that desire. At this point in the season they could have easily shut down and stopped playing completely. It shows their character and what they are made of."