

Nonleague games leave Lady Hawks with split

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Nonconference foes left the Grafton girls' basketball team with a mixed bag of results last weekend.

Slowed by a rocky third quarter, the Black Hawks were handed a 52-41 road loss by Marshall on Saturday afternoon.



The previous night, they had little trouble scoring a home win over Cudahy.

“We’ve been playing pretty well, but we seem to have one bad quarter that hurts us,” Grafton coach Steve Reinhardt said.

“In the Marshall game, the third quarter was the one that hurt.”

Despite having its two top players — junior forward Amanda Hunt and senior guard Haley Orlowski — on the bench with foul trouble, Grafton stayed in contention throughout the first half. The Hawks trailed, 25-23, at intermission.

“We played without both of them most of the first half,” Reinhardt said. “We did well to stay close.”

Marshall pulled away in the third quarter, outscoring Grafton, 12-3. Although the Hawks regained their shooting touch with a 15-point final period, they couldn’t overcome the deficit.

Hunt and Orlowski shared team-high honors with 11 points apiece. Nine of Orlowski’s points came in the second half.

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Marshall was led by Liz Abitz's 10 points.

"Marshall really hit the boards and outrebounded us," Reinhardt said. "We gave up a lot of second and third shots."

Grafton 43, Cudahy 24

Hunt continued her strong play by leading the Hawks with 23 points in a lopsided victory.

She hit a trio of three-point baskets and went 8-for-9 at the free-throw line.

Grafton started slowly and trailed, 7-3, after one quarter. However, the Hawks got their offense on track in the second period with a 17-5 run that put them ahead by eight points at halftime.

In the third quarter, Grafton sealed the outcome with a 10-2 advantage.

Besides Hunt's effort, the Hawks got 10 points from Orlowski, who was 6-for-8 on foul shots.

Amber Bigger led Cudahy with six points.

"We played great defense. I was really pleased with our effort," Reinhardt said.

The weekend split left Grafton with a 6-4 season record.

This week, the Hawks will resume North Shore Conference play with a 7:30 p.m. game Friday at Milwaukee Lutheran.

On Saturday, Grafton will host Delavan-Darien in a 3:15 p.m. nonleague contest.

Image Information: MADDY HUIBREGSTE tried to dribble past a Cudahy defender during Grafton's 43-24 win. Photo by Sam Arendt