

After a tough loss, Angels make stunning rebound on the court

Meredith wins one and loses one in basketball action last week.

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Meredith's basketball team was defeated by Chowan College last week, but came back this week to win a game against Bennett College.

On Thursday, Jan. 30, the Meredith basketball team travelled to Murfreesboro, N.C. to take on the fourth ranked team in the South, Chowan College in their sixth away game this semester. The Angels were defeated by Chowan with a final score of 74-66.

At half time, Meredith trailed by only two points with a half time score of 30-28. Leading scorers for Meredith were Tina Harkness with 17 points, Tracy Sumner with 12 points, and Beth Vernon

with 10 points.

According to Coach Carl Hatchell, the team "did a good job at stoping their set plays and defensive rebounding in the first half." He added that missing shots and not scoring was the team's main problem in the first half of the game.

"The second half we played better offensively but let them get 13 offensive rebounds," said Hatchell.

With six and a half minutes remaining in the game, Meredith led by five points. Despite this lead, the Angels could not stop Chowan nor score enough to stay ahead.

Hatchell added, "One big stat is that [Chowan] shot 33 foul shots to our eight."

He said that leading Chowan by five points late in the game is an accomplishment because their team is ranked so highly. "Our team felt like we should have won," Hatchell said.

Meredith faced challenges in this game such as traveling away to play against a successful team ranked in the top five. Hatchell added, "Traveling that far is hard on the team. Sitting in a van for three hours. We won't make excuses for it, because they have to do it when they come here."

The Angels will play against Chowan College again on Thursday, Feb. 13 at home. The game is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. in Weatherspoon Gym.

On Monday, Feb. 3, Meredith played Bennett College at home. The Angels dominated Bennett with a final score of 71-38. Meredith led throughout the game with a haltime score of 33-17. In the second half, Bennett scored only five points.

Meredith kicked off the game with a 13-1 run and coasted to the win. Kassidy Loy was the leading scorer for the Angels

with 12 points throughout the game. Other leading scorers were Ruth Stephenson with 11 points and Tina Harkness with 10 points.

Six-foot-two-inch tall freshman Amira Issa had an impressive 11 rebounds in the game.

This victory put Meredith at 10-4 for the season.

Hatchell commented, "I was glad everyone got to play a lot of positive min-

utes and I thought everyone played pretty good."

However, he also said that the team missed a lot of easy lay ups and close shots that made it seem like they were not as sharp as they could have been. The Angels will play at Lynchburg College tomorrow evening at 7 p.m.

Upcoming Basketball Games

Thursday, Feb. 6 at Lynchburg College, 7 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 10 at N.C. Wesleyan College, 7 p.m.

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