

Lansing School District News



LOVE THAT CAT!! - Basketball fanatics cheering the Blue & Gold JV and Varsity basketball teams on to victory against Union Springs!

Hoopsters Rebound From Last Week

By Ray Reynolds

After a mixed performance last week, Bobcats ran up and down the hardwood this week with such persistence that, despite valiant efforts, Union Springs and Southern Cayuga teams just couldn't keep up.

Union Springs

The final 53-46 Blue & Gold JV victory over Union Springs didn't reflect the nip and tuck battle that went on until the final minutes of the fourth quarter.



"DON'T BE RUSHED" - Coach Steve Slutsky meters the emotions as his JV cats pull ahead in the last minutes to beat Union Springs Tuesday night by 7 points.

In the Varsity match, the game was close throughout the first half. Coach Steve Buchanan's frequent substitutions were a contributing factor as the rested Bobcats never stopped bearing down and wearing down the visiting Wolves.



IT'S SHOWTIME - Lansing's Varsity 5 controls the tip-off at the beginning of last Tuesday's game with Union Springs.

The game opened up in the third quarter and Eric Tee (fed by his teammates) scored 17 of his 19 points in the second half. Though Lansing led by 7 as the clock ticked down, the Wolves gave it all they had and picked up a 3-pointer from the outside at the final buzzer. Final score: Bobcats 61, Union Springs 57.

Southern Cayuga Chiefs

Friday after sunset was a cold and dreary night... somewhere else. Inside the gym at Lansing, however, the Bobcat hoopsters were playing Tee-Ball with Southern Cayuga.

Maybe it was the most enthusiastic Bobcat we've seen in recent time strutting his stuff on the sidelines. Perhaps it was the Pep Band playing enthusiastically. Or could it have been the cheerleaders encouraging the 200 Bobcat faithful? Whatever it was,



"YOU GOTTA BELIEVE," chant Lansing's cheerleaders.

Friday evening was Lansing's night!

Lansing JV on Top 48-40

Though Lansing scored the first basket and never looked back, So. Cayuga stayed close on their heels for the entire game. Lansing's ability to sub without skipping a beat is good to see. By the end of the 1st quarter, Lansing led 13-12 and at halftime Lansing's lead was a narrow 22-21.

The second half began with 4 quick Bobcat points, but with So. Cayuga being a tough and scrappy team, the game was close till the final moments. At the end, it was Lansing's foul shooting that connected to drive the final score to 48-40 for the Cats.

Lansing was plagued with too many turnovers in both halves; these seem to be their toughest obstacle to overcome. The key thing is that they're improving with every game - particularly important with young players.

Varsity Hoopsters Excel 66-52

Some nights, things are tough. Other nights... Well, let's just say that Eric Tee and his merry men looked like a seasoned ballet troupe with their great leaps and *pirouettes* as they moved the basketball around the court and into the net.

Matching the first quarter's very fast offense with a hot hand from Eric Tee and a strong defense, Lansing ended the first quarter with a 20 to 10 lead. In the second quarter, Lansing picked up where they'd left off and took their halftime break leading 35 to 23.

If anything, the third quarter showed the Bobcats increasing the rhythm by an extra notch thanks to a substitution policy that enabled the boys to catch a quick breath and stay fresh. The fourth quarter continued without a missed beat as Lansing stretched its lead to a 66-52 win.

The highlight of the evening was Eric Tee's ability to play above the rim. This resulted in two 4th quarter slam dunks -- one of which was a reverse dunk resulting in a standing ovation from the crowd. Eric ended the evening with a personal best of 32 points and 12 rebounds, playing tough at both ends of the court.

In addition to a good passing game which fed Tee, Lansing's other points came from Jeremy House (11), Willy Woods (6), Jacob Linderberry (6), Brian Bowman (4), Chris Drew (3), Lucas Hibbard (2) and Kyle Putnam (2). It was very good to see Lucas Hibbard back in uniform and in action following recovery from his broken hand!

Jamar Redmond scored 16 points for the Southern Cayuga Chiefs while Jesse Otis and Ray Pond each scored 13 points.

Kids' Puzzle Corner

by JP

Hello everyone!! Everybody's getting ready for 1997 with New Year's resolutions. Well, I have three wishes for you. If you can break my code, they might come true. I sincerely hope that they do come true. Ready. Set. Go!

If you have ideas for puzzles, why not share them? Write to J-P at 204 Wilson Road, Lansing, NY 14882

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By Rebecca Mastro

To be exposed,
Faced with the openness...
Given a choice
Which decision?

Thrown in a darkening room
Living within the lurking shadows,
I grew smaller...
Yet the blackness was a door to the hidden.
So I hid....

Through the cornering eyes of glass,
Gleamed the light...
And the hidden walls were destroyed,
Out I came,
Under the pressuring light,...
Given a choice...
I know now which decision to make.



Rebecca Mastro is a ninth grade student in Mrs. Martin's 2nd period class.

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