

# Boys' Basketball Splits 2-2 At 2nd Fred Caliel Tourney

By Ray Reynolds

**NEWFIELD** - When they're hot they're hot, but when they weren't traffic got heavy under the boards as Lansing's JV and Varsity boys' basketball teams fell in the finals of the 2nd annual Frederick L. Caliel Memorial Tournament Saturday after having dominated their respective games all day Friday.

## Friday: JV vs. Newfield

Lansing's junior varsity opened their quest against Newfield Friday afternoon using a well-balanced offense and tight defense to jump out to a 14-9 lead by the end of the first quarter. The Newfield team refused to quit and pushed back from a mid-second quarter deficit to pull ahead of the Bobcats 27-25 as the halftime buzzer blew.

Perhaps the boys simply got their wind back or maybe coach Steve Sluty conveyed some effective tips, because the Blue and Gold battled steadily throughout the third quarter to a 42-42 tie.

The fourth quarter was not characterized by the physical strength the Bobcats sometimes display, but the gutsy hoopsters struggled and succeeded in staying ahead of Newfield. Toward the end, it was some Newfield fouls and key foul line shooting by Graham Eastman that let Lansing's JV to ice the cake with a 65-59 victory and the right to meet Groton in Saturday's championship match.

## Friday: Varsity vs. Newfield

Attitude is everything. Lansing's strong effort under the defensive and offensive boards paid off Friday night against hometown Newfield as Lansing got off to a rapid 12-7 lead by the end of the first quarter.

Steady passing between team members and continued tough hands fighting for rebounds extended the Bobcat's halftime margin over Newfield to 33-19.

Coach Steve Buchanan had the boys fired up as they came out of the locker room because the "Big MOmentum" continued to a 45-27 third quarter mark. With the game well in hand, Lansing controlled the fourth quarter to end with a 57-40 victory.

Jeremy House and Eric Tee shared 33 points. House's hat trick of 3-point field goals was key to the team's success.

Kyle Putnam sank 8 points, Willy Woods got 5, Chris Drew earned 4 points, Lucas Hibbard recorded 3 and Jacob Linderberry and Kevin Putnam each got 2 points. Newfield's Chris Zavaski was the evening's high scorer with 18 points.



## Saturday: JV vs. Groton

Though Groton's team was effective at controlling the boards, Lansing struggled to stay within striking distance and finished the first half trailing just eight points 31-24.

Our luck ran out in the third quarter when Steve Daniels (who had hit 13 of the Bobcat's 24 points in the first half) was injured and had to leave the game.

"Our boys gave a strong effort," said coach Steve Sluty, "but Groton had an outstanding game rebounding."

The good news for the JV team is that Steve Daniels scored 36 points in his three halves of tournament play. His performance earned him a place on the JV all-star team.

Our junior cats will have their Groton rematch January 7 and, as Sluty put it, "We're looking forward to doing a better job."

## Saturday: Varsity vs. Groton

From the opening buzzer, Lansing struggled with Groton's strategy of triple-targeting Eric Tee with a strong zone defensive. Though our boys got off a fair number of shots, it was as if an invisible ray gun was denying us the points as Bobcat shots rolled around the hoop without dropping in. At halftime, the senior Blue and Gold were down 29-10.

Rested but not restored, the Bobcats took to the floor in the second half, but the lid was on our basket. The boys tried, but had a hard time converting on offense or slowing down the Groton juggernaut on defense. In the end, it was a disappointing 63-41 loss to Groton.

## Next Stop: Groton

Lansing boys' basketball has its work cut out for it because the next matchup will be in Groton on January 7. Insiders are guessing that some very strong and tough practices are on the docket before the teams head north on Route 38.



**MEOW!!!** - Lansing's JV LADYCATS know who's number "1" after Saturday afternoon's final win at the 2-day Junior Varsity Christmas Tournament.

# JV Tournament Champs

One hundred and sixteen turnovers in two games spelled "victory" for Deb Carter's 16-member junior varsity squad, as our fair ladies went to 9-0 on the season (6-0 in IAC league play) and captured the home court 1996 Christmas Tournament.

Lindsey Dean was named to the tournament all star team and Jen Olin was named as the tournament's overall most valuable player.

"Billie Boles' and Tami Swearingen's defense is what keeps the scores the way they are," explained coach Carter as she looked at the statistics behind Friday's 73-11 win over the Tioga Tigers and Saturday's 59-25 tournament finale over the "never-say-die" Thomas A. Edison Spartans. "Chrissy Burke's also one tough kid," smiled the satisfied coach.

In their first match, the Ladycats sprang to a quick 23-4 lead at the first quarter and continued to dominate 38-8 at halftime. Tioga's Abby Rollins was the sparkplug of a team that had a hard time but played gamely to the final buzzer.

Against a stronger TAE Spartan team, defense was again Lansing's trump card. Shelly Grooms and Megan Netherton were "rippin' down" the rebounds under the boards, said coach Carter, while Dee "the

ball-ball-ball woman" LaVigne was constantly between the Spartan offense and their scoring opportunities.

Other stand-out players on our power-



**LADYCAT COMING THROUGH!!**

house team were Lindsey Dean and Jen Olin with the quick passing and precision shooting, the defensive duo of Azur Rollins and Tami Swearingen and Shannon Sullivan's not-so-reticent take-charge attitude in the final quarters which changed the game's pace whenever the Spartans threatened.



**FAST BREAKS AND A TIGHT DEFENSE** yielded two convincing wins Friday over Tioga 73-11 and Saturday 59-25 over Thomas A. Edison.

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(All Meals Include Fruit, Vegetables, Juice & Milk)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 2-3	<b>Vacation Time!!</b>		<b>Happy New Year</b>	Cheese Pizza (ES) Hamburger (ES) French Bread Pizza (MS/HS)	Garlic Bagel Hot Dog (ES) Hamburger (MS/HS)
January 6-10	Chicken Nuggets with Rice & Gravy	Tacos with Lettuce & Cheese Cheese Bagel	Potato Bar w/ Bean & Cheese or Broccoli Topping (ES) Chicken Cordon Bleu (MS/HS) Hamburger (MS/HS)	Cheese Pizza (ES) Ham Sub Cheese Calzone (MS/HS)	Grilled Cheese Sandwich
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