

# Legendary Lady Cats Top Bainbridge-Guilford 48 - 42; Bow To Marathon 35-33 To Closeout Championship Play



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**FLUID MOTION** - Dixie Chaffee sets up another offensive play in last Tuesday's 48-42 victory against Bainbridge Guilford at the Binghamton Arena.

By Jim Dill

In a week that saw the Lansing Lady Cats record one of their greatest victories in years, they also experienced one of their most crushing defeats.

Starting their week with their first trip to the cavernous Binghamton Arena since the '90-'91 season, Lansing was matched against a team that many thought was the top team in Class C, Section IV -- Bainbridge-Guilford (BG). In a quirk of the seeding for sectional play, second-seeded Lansing was matched against third-seeded BG. Bainbridge-Guilford had also been rated the top Section IV Class C team at number four in New York State!

Tuesday's game against BG started with the Lady Cats unable to get into their game due to numerous referee's calls. By halftime, we trailed 26-20. The second half brought more problems as they fell behind by eleven, 35-24, with just four minutes left in the game.

At this point, BG's star player, Courtney Mattingly, had to take the bench after her third foul and Lansing Coach Stu Dean re-inserted the press. Rachel Jackson made a big steal at half court and passed to Carolyn Childers for a lay-up.

On the next in-bounds, Dixie Chaffee made an outstanding play, stealing the ball

and finding Childers in the paint for two. Lansing stole the ball again on the next in-bound and Childers was fouled ... and converted both free throws. In less than a twenty second whirlwind, Lansing had whittled its deficit down to five. The third quarter ended with Lansing down by three.

The last quarter was all blue and gold, with Rachel Jackson, Kim Van Pelt and Amanda Moore giving an extra effort to fill the shoes of co-captain Devon Lucas who had blown out her ACL (knee ligament) in the earlier sectional win against Tioga Central. Great back court play by Katie Crandall, Allanna McMillen and Chaffee with aggressive offense by co-captain Childers built a four point lead with a minute left.

BG countered and reduced Lansing's lead to two points, but Moore made a nice move in the key for two.

Again, BG converted to narrow Lansing's edge to a whisker-thin two points with 20 seconds left on the clock.

After a time out, Coach Dean set up a play to break BG's expected frantic press.

A long down court pass to Childers went over most of the BG press. Childers found Moore cutting under the basket, but her shot rolled off the rim. Where there'd previously been only open space, Childers appeared to make the critical put back.

BG failed to convert on the next possession and was forced to foul Childers who thwarted their strategy by making both foul shots to cap off an exciting six point victory.

Childers scored 26 points in the win and became only the second Lady Cat to score more than 1,000 career points. Moore had a solid 13 points. The stage was set for the Section IV C2 Championship game against arch rival and perennial nemesis Marathon.

### Meeting Marathon

After cancelling the regularly scheduled February Board of Education meeting so as

many people as possible could travel to Binghamton to support our Lady Cats, Lansing faced the difficult task of defeating the Marathon Lady Olympians for the third consecutive time this season -- this time for the Section IV championship.

Paced by the scoring of Childers (12), Jackson (9) and Moore (9), the Lady Cats built a five point lead to 31-26 at the end of three periods of play.

At that time Lansing appeared comfortable with Katie Crandall, Dixie Chaffee, Allanna McMillen and Kim Van Pelt breaking Marathon's press and playing solid defense against the vaunted Marathon duo of Carla Tagliente and Hillary Matson. Then, Amanda Moore picked up her fourth foul on a questionable call and had to sit down.

Marathon Coach Roberta Chase called on her team to raise their game a notch and they responded. Starting with a steal by tagliente, Marathon followed with three additional steals in the quarter and held the Lady Cats to one of ten shots in the last eight minutes.

With a minute and a half left, the score was tied. Marathon had possession, but the Lady Cat defense ran the shot clock to five seconds. Matson and Tagliente were unable to get clear so Kathy Hoyt launched a desperation shot that found nothing but net for a two point Marathon lead.

Lansing failed to convert on the next possession which allowed Marathon to run down the game clock, but Marathon also

failed to score.

With twelve seconds left, Lansing broke through the Marathon press. Childers passed to Jackson who launched the game-tying shot...only to see it bounce off the rim. Chaffee made a great save on the base line and fed the ball to Crandall, but her shot also caromed off the rim as time ran out.

Both coaches agreed that the key to the game was Marathon's stepped up pressure in the final minutes of the game. The defeat ended the Lady Cat's quest both for the Section IV championship and to win one more game for their injured co-captain Devon Lucas.

However, it was a great twenty game season (20-3) for Coach Stu Dean and the lady cats. Senior Carolyn Childers, who scored 1,014 career points will be sorely missed, but there is a good crop of talented young players coming up in Lansing.

## "Y" Offers Programs

The YMCA is a variety of new spring programs, subject to adequate registration.

A "Parents' Morning Out" Tiny Tots Motor Skills Program, a clowning program, juggling clinic, Frisbee skills introduction class and a Euchre play and tournament program are all in the works.

Please call the YMCA at 257-0101 to sign-up or visit the Village of Lansing facility on Graham Road West, next to Pyramid Mall.

### NOTICE:

The following names were inadvertently omitted from the recently published Lansing Honor Roll Lists.

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Lynn Gunn  
Dan Tarbell

#### Class of 1998

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March 10-14	Taco w/ Lettuce Cheese Patty on Bun Cheese Bagel	Hot Dog on Bun	Meat Ball Sub Oat Fruit Muffin Hamburger on Bun	Oven Baked Chicken Cheese Pizza	Canadian Bacon Pizza Fish Patty on Bun

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