



Midland College Athletics

Lady Chaps subdue Lady Wranglers, Chaps Search for Answers

Midland College Basketball
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In the first of their annual two game WJCAC games versus rival Odessa College, the Midland College Lady Chaparrals displayed command from the opening tip. Midland College 13-5 overall and 2-1 in the WJCAC, jumped out to a 44-25 halftime lead and outpaced Odessa College (13-4, 3-1) by a final score of 75-60. In the process the Lady Chaps drew first blood in the rivalry game played at the Al G. Langford Chaparral Center in Midland.

Midland College once again received balanced scoring from several players led by Achiri Ade's 22 point, 13 rebound and two blocked shot performance. Also scoring in double digits were Catherine Kruschke with 17 and Tia Dixon with 11. Sophomore guard Darnetta Jackson chipped in with a near double-double, scoring nine points and pulling down nine rebounds.

As a team the Lady Chaps out-rebounded the Lady Wranglers 45-32, recorded more assists 14-7 and shot nearly 55% from the three point line, compared to Odessa's 24% shooting from behind the three point arc. The MC bench also outscored OC by 33-18 in the contest.



Achiri Ade rises for jump shot



Brandon Lucas rises for the blocked shot

The men's game may have shown those in attendance, one of the most unattractive halves of basketball in recent history with neither team seeming capable of finding a way to score. At the intermission, the score was tied at 16-16 with the Wranglers shooting 22% from the floor, matched only by the Chaps' dismal 20% shooting in the first half. The second half proved to be a bit more exciting for those who decided to stay as Odessa defeated Midland College by a score of 56-54. The loss dropped the Chaparrals to 10-4 this season and 1-2 in conference. Odessa College improved to 14-3 and 4-0 in the WJCAC race.

Midland College's Corey Hilliard was the only Chap player to reach double figures, scoring 14 in the match up. Tiegbe Bamba pulled down 10 rebounds to lead everyone in the category. The game was contested throughout and included 14 lead changes and eight ties. Additionally, MC won the free throw contest 14-13, Midland also narrowly won the rebound battle 38-37. MC recorded a season low in turnovers, with 11 in the game. But it was the Chaparrals inability to score that spelled the difference in the game.

The Chaps played the game without three players who were recently released from the team. Brandon Maclin and Kiwi Gardner were dismissed for violations of school rules while sophomore Anthony Norris, Jr. was declared academically ineligible for the spring semester, thus ending his Midland College career.

Both teams will return to WJCAC play on Thursday, January 17th when the Lady Chaps and Chaps host Frank Phillips College at the Chaparral Center. The Lady Chaps vs. Lady Plainsmen will tip off at 5:45 p.m. and the Chaps and Plainsmen are scheduled to begin at 7:45 p.m.

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