

## **Burlingame put Cinderella slipper on for one more big day**

### **Lady Bearcats take 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1A-I girls state tourney**

Burlingame's Bearcats had never made a trip to a state basketball tournament in its girls' program history.

They will go home with the third-place trophy after an emotional 55-45 victory over Hodgeman County's Longhorns on Saturday at United Wireless Arena.

The Bearcats led from start to finish, jumping out to an early lead and owned quarter advantages of 11-8, 25-20, 37-32 before closing out the fourth quarter with an 18-13 margin.

The Bearcats' top two players – sophomore Kaylin Noonan and senior Daelyn Winters – once again provided the scoring punch with 25 and 22 points, respectively.

Hodgeman County, meanwhile, was led by Morgan Ruff's 16 points with Kaylee James and Jessie Ruff contributing 10 each.

The Bearcats had big night at the free throw line, cashing in 19 of 24 charities to just 10-of-13 for the Longhorns.

Burlingame coach Jeff Slater had enjoyed a banner week, welcoming a daughter into the family, celebrating his 35<sup>th</sup> birthday and winning two games at the state tourney in the school's first time showing up. The Bearcats finished 22-3 while the Longhorns ended at 24-2.

-----

### **BURLINGAME 55, HODGEMAN COUNTY 45**

Burlingame 11 14 12 18 -- 55

Hodgeman County 8 12 12 13 -- 45

Burlingame (22-3) – I. Tyson 0-2 0-0 0, Noonan 8-16 9-12 25, Winters 5-11 8-9 22, Simmons 2-6 -3 8, Masters 0-1 0-0 0, Crook 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 15-37 19-24 55.

Hodgeman County (24-2) – James 4-8 2-5 10, M. Ruff 5-9 4-4 16, Beil 0-5 0-0 0, Shiew 3-11 0-0 7, Burke 1-3 0-0 2, Schaffer 0-1 0-0 0, J. Ruff 3-6 4-4 10. Totals 16-43 10-13 45.

3-point goals—Burlingame 6-14 (I. Tyson 0-1, Noonan 0-1, Winters 4-8, Simmons 2-4), Hodgeman Co. 3-10 (M. Ruff 2-5, Beil 0-1, Shiew 1-3, Schaffer 0-1).

Rebounds—Burlingame 25 (Noonan 7), Hodgeman Co. 30 (James, Shiew, J. Ruff 5 each). Assists—Burlingame 12 (Winters 6), Hodgeman Co. 8 (James, Beil 3 each).

Fouls—Burlingame 16, Hodgeman Co. 20. Fouled out—Burlingame (I. Tyson), Hodgeman Co. (Shiew).