

No. 7 Washington girls race past Kennedy

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Kennedy tried to run with the Washington girls basketball team Friday night, but the result was not pretty.

The seventh-ranked Warriors ran the Cougars out of the gym, 77-43, on Hall of Fame Night at Washington.

Tia Dawson collected 18 points, 12 rebounds and six blocked shots for Washington (15-3, 12-2) in the Mississippi Valley Conference game.

The Warriors were too fast, too deep and too talented for Kennedy (6-12, 5-9). The Cougars committed a string of turnovers against Washington's fullcourt press and fell deeper and deeper behind as the mismatch continued.

Washington led at halftime, 43-29, then blew to a 64-35 bulge late in the third quarter. The Warriors reached the 70-point mark early in the fourth period and Coach Frank Howell yanked Dawson and the rest of his starters shortly after.

Ashley Piper and Janay Pritchett tossed in 11 points apiece for Washington, which saw 13 players dent the scoring column.

Courtney Strait topped Kennedy with 13 points.

KENNEDY (43): Schlueter 0 0-1 0, Meier 3 1-1 8, Strait 6 1-4 13, Nunnikhoven 0 0-0 0, Schulz 0 0-0 0, Hildebrand 0 0-0 0, Johnson 3 0-0 7, Huebsch 1 0-0 2, Simmons 2 0-0 5, Muench 0 0-0 0, Ross 1 0-0 2, Happel 2 0-0 6, Wright 0 0-0 0, Davis 0 0-0 0, Reinhart 0 0-0 0, Klinger 0 0-0 0, Corkery 0 0-0 0. Totals 18 2-6 43.

WASHINGTON (77): Piper 4 0-0 11, Oney 3 0-0 6, Pilcher 1 0-0 3, Royster 1 3-4 5, Dawson 7

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4-5 18, Pritchett 5 0-0 11, Kramer 2 0-0 5, Beard 1 0-0 2, Roundtree 3 0-2 7, Herb 1 0-0 2, Foreman 1 0-0 2, Carr 1 0-0 3, Klaus 0 0-0 0, Barnum 0 0-0 0, McMahon 0 0-0 0, Stone 1 0-0 2, Goodlove 0 0-0 0. Totals 31 7-11 77.

Halftime -- Washington 43, Kennedy 29. 3-point goals -- Kennedy 5 (Happel 2, Meier 1, Johnson 1, Simmons 1), Washington 8 (Piper 3, Pilcher 1, Pritchett 1, Kramer 1, Roundtree 1, Carr 1).