

No. 8 Lions escape Saints in OT

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The eighth-ranked Linn-Mar girls basketball survived a scare from unranked Xavier, winning 67-61 in overtime in a Mississippi Valley Conference game Tuesday at Xavier.

Claire Larson hit a 3-point goal to break a 60-60 tie with just less than a minute to play in the overtime period to ignite the Lions.

The Saints trailed 47-39 entering the fourth quarter, but tied the score at 58-58 to send the game into overtime.

Kamryn Finley finished with 17 points for Linn-Mar (16-4). Amanda Ollinger had 16 points, 12 rebounds, four assists and three blocks. Lexi Freese scored 11 points with 10 rebounds. Alie Akers added 10 points.

Lexi Noonan scored 23 points for the Saints (8-12). Kiana Stanek had 11 points. McKenna Andersen had 10 points and four assists. Kylie Brown grabbed 10 rebounds.

LINN-MAR (67): Johnson 0 1-2 1, Akers 4 0-0 10, Frese 4 3-4 11, Lancial 0 0-0 0, Murphy 2 0-0 6, Spies 0 0-0 0, Finley 7 3-4 17, Larson 2 1-2 6, Ollinger 6 2-4 16. Totals 25 9-15 67.

XAVIER (61): Bastian 2 0-0 5, Stanek 4 0-0 11, Andersen 2 6-6 10, Noonan 9 5-7 23, Dickes 0 2-2 2, Brown 3 2-3 8, Ivester 0 0-0 0, Joens 1 0-0 2. Totals 21 15-18 61.

Halftime – Linn-Mar 29, Xavier 24. Regulation – Linn-Mar 58, Xavier 58. 3-point goals – Linn-Mar 8 (Akers 2, Murphy 2, Ollinger 2, Finley, Larson), Xavier 4 (Stanek 3, Bastian).

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