

## **Lady Flames Win/Lose Over the Weekend**

Game 1: It didn't take Coach Larry Bryan long to pick up his first win as the Lady Flames' head basketball coach. FWBBC defeated Covenant College JV, 43-38. The first half was a struggle for both teams as neither could mount any offense. The Lady Flames shot 17% from the field with no three-pointers, but played solid defense and trailed by one at the half. Early in the second half, FWBBC took the lead, but gave it back midway through the period.

In the final 10 minutes, the Lady Flames began hitting outside shots and pushed the lead to eight points. However, Covenant wouldn't go away. With 40 seconds to play and holding a slim three-point lead, the Lady Flames spread the offense, and Jaclyn Martin a 12-footer at the buzzer.

Taylor Ford collected a double-double with 18 points and 10 rebounds. Coach Bryan said, "Without her effort and leadership, we would not have won. She refused to quit."

Loni Walser contributed 13 points and hit some big 3's in the second half. Rachel Burns, playing in her first collegiate game, handled the post pressure and played hard on the defensive end. Jessica Bell had a key role in the victory, as she was forced to play more than anticipated when Katie Bryan picked up three quick, first-half fouls. Bryan led the team in assists. The Lady Flames were 9 for 11 from the foul line.

### **Game 2 - Lady Flames Lose to Hiwassee College**

Saturday, FWBBC traveled to Hiwassee and came up on the short end of a 56-36 decision. The Lady Flames played a competitive first half, but HC pulled away in the second half.

"They are a much more athletic team," said Coach Bryan. "They pressed us from the beginning, and it was effective in wearing us down and closing our passing lanes. Because of poor outside shooting, we were ineffective running our offense. This was a learning experience for us. We will be more prepared when we face similar competition."

Katie Bryan led the team in scoring and assists. She managed 14 points, 10 coming from the foul line. Another bright spot came when Laura Riggs scored her first two points.