

Lady Flames Struggle after Christmas Break

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Winston-Salem, NC. After a month layoff for Christmas holidays, the Lady Flames struggled in their three games at Piedmont Baptist College Tournament.

The ladies came up against an aggressive Trinity Baptist College in their first round Thursday. FWBBC got behind early and trailed by 15 at intermission. Coming out of the break, the Lady Flames played even with TBC, but it was too little too late.

Taylor Ford led the Flames with 18 points and 15 rebounds. Loni Walser chipped in 14 points; Katie Bryan dished out nine assists.

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Friday's game was almost the reverse as the Lady Flames played even the first half and went into the locker room tied at 24. But point guard and team leader Katie Bryan went out with an injury and did not return. From that point, Caldwell Tech shut down FWBBC, allowing the Lady Flames just 11 points on a season-low 16% from the field.

Once again, Ford led the way with 12 points. Walser added 11 points; Rachel Burns pulled down 11 rebounds.

Piedmont International University 60 FWBBC 54

The Lady Flames played their best 40 minutes of basketball this year during their third game in three days against the host school that had already beaten the other two tournament teams. The Conquerors took an early lead and held on to it at halftime. The Lady Flames came out fired up in the second stanza behind the hot shooting hand of Taylor Ford who hit five of eight from the floor and all three from the line.

With just over 30 seconds to play, FWBBC trailed by two. But they had to foul to try and get the ball back, and PIU knocked down all four free throws to seal the victory.

Ford again led the Lady Flames with 20 points, while Bryan had 14 points in her return.

“We played hard and had our opportunities to pull out a victory,” said Flames’ coach Larry Bryan. “It came down to free throw shooting, and they made theirs when it counted. It was a great game and our girls played hard the entire game.”

Taylor Ford was named to the All-Tournament team for her outstanding play.

