Mansfield girls cruise in opener

MANSFIELD

A new season got off to a good start for the Mansfield High School girls' basketball team Friday night. The Hornets, playing host to Medfield High in an MIAA Endowment Game for charity, emerged 40-23 winners in the non-league contest at James Albertini Memorial Gymnasium.

Defense played a big role in the Hornets' win as Sydney Mulkern and Emily Vigeant spent most of the night marking Medfield's Maggie McCarthy. The Harvard-bound senior, a 20-point-per-game scorer, was held to four points in the first half, and six overall, as the Hornets led 21-10 at the break.

"We came alive offensively in the third quarter," said Mansfield coach Mike Redding.

The Hornets got a 3-pointer from Ann Maher, a traditional three-point play from Meg Hill, and Maggie Danehy's hard work on the boards helped the Hornets outscore the Warriors 15-8 in the third quarter. Danehy led the Hornets with 11 points, and Hill added nine.

Mansfield hosts defending Division 2-South champion Foxboro on Tuesday

Mansfield 40, Medfield 23

MEDFIELD (23)

Ariel 0 0-1 0, Sampson 1 3-4 5, McNeil 1 0-0 2, Anderson 4 0-0 8, McCarthy 2 2-2 6, Tristina 1 0-0 2, totals 9 5-7 23.

MANSFIELD (40) Doherty 0 0-0 0, Daniel 1 1-2 3, Vigeant 0 0-0 0, Mulkern 1 4-6 6, Santos 1 0-0 2, B. Hottleman 0 0-0 0, Kemp 1 2-3 4, Maher 1 0-0 3, K. Bendanillo 0 0-0 0, Carney 0 0-2 0, M. Bendanillo 1 0-0 2, Hill 4 1-2 9, A. Hottleman 0 0-0 0, Berube 0 0-0 0, Danehy 5 1-3 11, totals 15 9-19 40.

| | 1^{st} | 2^{nd} | $3^{\rm rd}$ | 4^{th} | Final |
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| Medfield | 04 | 06 | 08 | 05 | 23 |
| Mansfield | 13 | 08 | 15 | 04 | 40 |

3-point goals—Medfield 0, Mansfield 1 (Maher 1).