

Hornets pull out OT thriller

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Emily Vigeant tied the game at 45-45 and forced overtime when she nailed a 3-pointer with just six seconds left in regulation as the Mansfield High girls basketball team earned a 57-51 overtime win over Canton High in their Hockomock League game Tuesday night.

The Hornets (7-3, 5-2 in the Hockomock) never trailed in overtime, using a 3-pointer from Cara Bendanillo and five of Maggie Danehy's team-high 20 points to pull away.

"It was a well-played game for both teams and either team could have easily won," Mansfield coach Mike Redding said. "(Canton) is a much-improved, young team and we were fortunate to win."

At the end of regulation, Mansfield had to intentionally foul as Canton held the ball and a two-point lead with 19 seconds remaining. After Canton made one of two free throws, Mansfield called a timeout.

After an attempt to get Syd Mulkern (13 points) the open look failed, she swung the ball to Vigeant who scored.

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Final: Mansfield girls 57, Canton 51 in overtime. Maggie Danehy 20 points and 13 rebounds, Syd Mulkern 13 points for Hornets, now 6-3. Canton (three starting freshmen) will be a future force in league play.

Mike Redding

MHS GBB wins in Overtime 57-51 over Canton. Great game played by both teams in back and forth battle. Emily Vigeant hits 3-pt shot with 7 sec left in regulation to force OT!