

# Mansfield's depth overwhelms North Attleboro

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North Attleboro High's Julia Feid, left, battles for the ball with Mansfield High's Mady Bendanillo Friday night in Mansfield.

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**MANSFIELD** — One of the great strengths of the Mansfield High girls' basketball program over the past decade or more has been its depth.

Veteran coach Mike Redding not only gets a lot of talented girls to come out for basketball, he uses a lot of them in games as well. On Friday night, Redding got 16 of them into the Hornets' 59-29 triumph over North Attleboro.

The more of them who can prove they can score when needed, the more help that will be available at tournament time when the better teams try to take 6-foot-3 Meg Hill away, Redding said.

"If we're going to see doubles on Meg, then we've got to have answers," Redding said. "It's making that 3-point shot. Tonight, I think we had four people do it. We know that Ann (Maher) will do it, but if Emily (Vigeant), Syd (Mulkern) and Erin Daniel start hitting threes, then it may take that double-team away."

Hill still got her points and rebounds, scoring 15 and grabbing 12, but North Attleboro did the best it could to limit her touches.

"We executed the game plan," said North coach Derek Herber. "We didn't want to have Hill and Maher kill us. But if the other kids can shoot, then kudos to them."

Maher was hot at the start, hitting all three of her treys in the first quarter, and Maggie Danehy compensated for the double teams on Hill with a pair of baskets to put Mansfield up 18-4 at the end of a quarter.

The Hornets hit the last six points of the quarter and added the first eight of the second to lead 26-4 on a Vigeant three with 5:15 left in the half. North's Julia Kleczkowski generated some excitement with two straight treys, but Hill powered her way to three straight baskets in a 9-3 finishing kick, putting the Hornets up 37-13 at the break.

North took advantage of Mansfield substitutions to go on an 11-2 run over the first 5:17 of the third quarter, seven of the points by Julia Feid (10 points, five rebounds). But Mulkern completed a rare four-point play with 2:27 left and the deficit never got under 20 points in the fourth quarter.

Mansfield also ruled the rebounding, pulling down 49 rebounds to North's 30. The Hornets are now 11-4 overall and 9-1 in the Hockomock Kelley-Rex, and need one more win to qualify for the MIAA Division 1-South playoffs. They visit Milford Tuesday. The Rocketeers (1-11, 1-10) won't be participating in the postseason this year, but they can continue their efforts to improve Tuesday at home against King Philip.

Mansfield 59, North Attleboro 29

NORTH ATTLEBORO (29)

Haskell 2-8 0-0 5, Forbes 0-4 0-0 0, Pezzi 0-1 0-0 0, Kleczkowski 2-8 0-0 6, Pastore 0-3 0-0 0, Feid 4-9 2-2 10, Smahi 1-3 0-0 2, Sullivan 1-5 0-0 2, Dion 0-3 1-2 1, Noreck 1-3 0-0 3, totals 11-47 3-4 29.

MANSFIELD (59)

Daniel 1-4 0-0 2, Vigeant 2-4 0-0 6, Mulkern 2-7 1-1 7, Sullivan 1-2 2-2 4, M. Bendanillo 0-2 0-0 0, Santos 0-2 0-0 0, R. Hottleman 0-1 0-0 0, Kemp 1-3 0-0 2, Maher 3-9 0-0 9, K. Bendanillo 0-2 1-2 1, Carney 0-1 0-0 0, Hill 7-13 1-2 15, A. Hottleman 3-4 1-1 7, MacVicar 0-0 0-0 0, Danehy 3-9 0-0 6, Doherty 0-2 0-0 0, totals 23-65 6-8 59.

Team	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Final
North Attleboro	04	09	11	05	29
Mansfield	18	19	07	15	59

**3-point goals**--NA 4-25 (Haskell 1-7, Forbes 0-3, Kleczkowski 2-7, Pastore 0-2, Feid 0-2, Smahi 0-1, Sullivan 0-1, Noreck 1-2), Mansfield 7-23 (Daniel 0-1, Vigeant 2-3, Mulkern 2-5, M. Bendanillo 0-1, Kemp 0-1, Maher 3-7, K. Bendanillo 0-2, Hill 0-2, Doherty 0-1).

**Rebounds**--NA 30 (Feid 5), Mansfield 49 (Hill 12).

**Assists**--NA 6 (Forbes 3), Mansfield 16 (Maher 7).

**Total fouls**--NA 10, Mansfield 9.

**Fouled out**--None.

JV: Mansfield, 62-59.