

Sports

Mustangs Basketball Playoff Coverage

Women's Team Takes Second Place

After blowing by the Colonials of the Community College of Philadelphia 91-73 at the EPCC semi-final championship game on Feb. 12, the Mustangs were looking to repeat that performance in the final against the number one-seeded Lehigh Carbon Community College Cougars on Feb. 14.

But the Mustangs stepped onto the court with hesitation. Scoring only 17 points in the first half, the Mustangs' lack-luster performance left them with a 22 point deficit.

Down 17-39 at the start of the second half, the Mustangs were determined to turn the game around. Mustangs teammates Mercedes Harris (Norristown) and Lauren Zoltek (pictured, Lansdale Catholic), who tallied game totals of 26 and 10 points respectively, led the team in a second half surge. The Cougars crumbled under the pressure allowing the Mustangs 7 more points than them during the half, but the Mustangs fell short of a comeback. Ultimately



Photo by Norman Detweiler, Staff Photographer

Mustang's No. 22 Lauren Zoltek puts one up from the baseline for two during the Mustang's final home game of the regular season against the Luzerne County Trailblazers.



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The Mustang's Mercedes Harris takes to the air for two in the Mustang's last home game of the regular season.

the Cougars came out on top, winning the Championship title by a score of 73-58.

The outstanding efforts of Harris and Zoltek earned them spots on the EPCC All-Tournament team.

Phantoms Topple Men's Playoff Drive

In the EPCC Quarterfinal Championship game on Feb. 12, the Mustangs lost to the Delaware County Community College Phantoms 73-71.

The second-seeded Mustangs stepped onto the court with shaky feet from the very beginning of the game. Though the Mustangs were able to control the ball through most of the first half, the 7th seeded Phantoms kept them on their toes, never trailing by more than 9 and taking the lead twice.

Leading the Phantoms 39-32 at the half, the Mustangs appeared to find a new energy going into the second part of the game. But the Phantoms kept digging at the home team, drawing fouls and slowly closing the gap. With 11:07 left in the game, the Phantoms tied it up at 52 apiece.

The Mustangs' rhythm broke down fur-

ther when key players Tabias Thompson (PET Charter) and Kenny Walton (Germantown) fouled out of the game. With 3:18 to go, the Mustangs' Jeff Hurst (Souderton) scored the last basket his team would find for the evening. The Phantoms were able to gain control of the ball through fouls and turnovers, to tie up the score at 71-71 with 1:08 left on the clock.

At 32 seconds left the Phantoms had possession of the ball and the Mustangs Head Coach Denny Surovec called on his players to try to draw a 5-second violation on the Phantoms. But instead, a jump ball was awarded, giving the Phantoms continued possession with 12 seconds left.

The Phantoms frantically passed through the Mustangs, who just barely missed 3 steal opportunities, until the ball landed in the hands of Phantoms' freshman second-string player #2 Daniel Diez-Merida. Diez-Merida, who has seen limited playing time this season and had not scored all game, threw the ball up for 2 points with no time left on the clock to give the Phantoms the 73-71 upset over the Mustangs.

This concludes the Mustangs' season with a record of 18-8 overall and 16-5 in the EPCC.