

(Neb.)- Cougar Women Roll To 21st Win Of Season

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(Scottsbluff, NE)- The Western Nebraska Community College women's basketball team put five players in double figures and picked up 24 steals in picking up their 21st victory of the season with a commanding 97-38 win over Colorado Christian junior varsity Tuesday evening at Cougar Palace.

The Cougars had just one tie in the contest and after that it was all Cougars as everyone that played scored.

"It is a good win and everyone got in, too, so that was a good team effort," sophomore Shalisa Moffit said.

Lile Havili paced the Cougar attack with a double-double of 17 points and 10 rebounds. Havili was one of just a five players that hit the double digit plateau. Liz Dogan had a good game, finishing with 15 points and five rebounds, while Moffit and Lyndie Puckett each had 11 points. Allyson Vasquez also collected 10 points.

Moffitt said it was a game that the defense stood out. The Cougars registered 24 steals, led by Dogan with four.

"For the most part it was a good defensive game," Moffit said. "I don't know how many steals we had, but we rebounded well tonight both offensively and defensively. The transition is where we get a lot of our points because the fast breaks is kind of our strong suit."

WNCC started somewhat slow, leading just 19-10. It was a Puckett 3-pointer that opened up the Cougars' offense as they went on a 22-4 run to 41-14 lead. WNCC led at intermission 45-17.

The second half was even more impressive as the Cougar defense was pretty much in sync. WNCC outscored the Colorado Christian Cougars 52-21. WNCC opened the second half with a 10-0 run and then led 70-20 off of seven Dogan points, four from Moffit and a bucket by Puckett.

After Colorado Christian's Jen Lapp nailed a 3-pointer, the Cougar defense picked up steam to run the score to 81-25 as Ally Vasquez and Kaylee Biddell had big buckets in the stretch. Later, Sophia Softas-Nall had four points to push the lead to 60, 91-31, before Puckett finished off the scoring with back-to-back field goals.

The way the Cougars played, especially in the second half, is the way they will need to play in the final two weeks of the season. The Cougars will hit the road for a crucial sub-region contest at McCook Community College on Friday.

They will then return home for contests next week when they face Eastern Wyoming College and Lamar Community College, two teams that handed them losses earlier this semester.

"We beat McCook the first time, but we still have to play hard," Moffit said. "Then we have to beat Eastern Wyoming if we want to get a good seed at the regional tournament."