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## Wildcats Were Not to be Denied

It was a hard-fought game right from the opening buzzer. Copiague came out fired up and held a small lead after the first quarter. But this is the playoffs, and as young as the Whitman Wildcats are, senior Megan Foehl was not about to let her high school basketball career end in the first round. The all-county player constantly found herself surrounded by two and three defenders who seemed to converge all at once. And when the lane closed down completely, as it does with as physical a team as Copiague is, she pulled up and launched several deep 3-pointers, one of four she scored for the night. She scored 5 points in the final 1:27, including her fourth 3, to give Whitman a 3-point lead en route to a 55-51 victory over Copiague.

“Megan tied her career high with 23 points,” said coach Dan Trebour. “And it couldn’t have come at a better time. She also had six steals and led to team in assists, so she’s really in control and not afraid to take the ball and go with it.”

Junior Ally Leftridge came through when needed most with 10 points, including two big baskets in the fourth, which energized her team. Erica Scott scored 6 points, sophomore Alyssa Vallar added 3 points, freshman Kelly Bilodeau contributed 7, and Rachel Perea added 4, all of which combined to give Whitman the edge. Whitman (14-4) will head into the second round against Ward Melville.



Photo: Wildcats’ Megan Foehl sees her target and lets go of a 3-pointer late in the fourth period against rival Copiague.

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