

NCMC struggles in road sweep at Allen County

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The North Central Missouri College basketball teams had rematch games with the Red Devils of Allen County Community College on Wednesday night, with the results the same as the first meetings between the squads in Trenton, Allen County victories over the Pirate teams.

Unfortunately for North Central, the victories for Allen County were more convincing in Iola than in Trenton, with the Lady Pirates starting their game slowly, falling behind by as many as 18 points in the first half, and despite rallying to as close as six points late, NCMC fell by a final score of 69-61, dropping to 4-4 on the season.

The Red Devils were paced by Ebonie Jones with 14 points, DaNara Day and Hannah Blackwell each with 11, and Leslie Ware with 10 points. For the Lady Pirates, sophomore guard Kelsey Griffin led the way with 19 points, with Samone Redditt adding 13 points and Mysti Williams 12.

The Pirate men struggled throughout their game in Iola, with Allen County blasting NCMC by a final score of 92-62. Brice Shippers hit six three pointers as part of a 24 point night for the Red Devils, who also had 20 points from Portland, Oregon native Andrew Rountree, and ten points from DeAndrae Barnette. The Pirate men had 19 points from Reggie Maxwell, 13 points each for Eric McDaniel and Eddie Poland, and 11 points for Marshon Norfleet, as North Central's record fell to 4-3 on the young season.

Both NCMC teams will be in the Highland Classic at Highland Community College on Friday afternoon, with the Pirate men taking on nationally-ranked Barton County at 3 o'clock, followed by the Lady Pirates playing at 5:00 against the host Highland women. The NCMC women also have a Saturday game scheduled from the Highland campus.