

TVHS Girls Basketball at Reynoldsburg 1/24



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Teays Valley lost a nail-biting 46-39 contest to Reynoldsburg on Friday, despite a strong showing from Tessa Horsley. In a thrilling game marked by nine lead changes, the Lady Vikings ultimately fell short to the Raiders.

Tessa Horsley led the charge for the blue and gold, scoring 12 points and grabbing eight rebounds. Avery Mann and Cami Robins each scored eight points for Teays Valley Girls. Cooper McManaway added five points, while Areyana Karshner and Amelia Brumfield contributed three and two points, respectively.

A crucial 8-point run by Reynoldsburg in the second quarter proved to be a turning point, as they pulled away from Teays Valley's 13-12 lead. The Vikings fought back, taking the lead in the third quarter with 3:30 remaining when Cami Robins found Tessa Horsley in the paint for a 28-27 advantage. Avery Mann then sank two clutch free throws, stretching the lead to 30-27. The Vikings maintained their edge, heading into the fourth quarter up 32-30.



Unfortunately, the Raiders staged a late comeback, fueled by Deyona Carter's left-wing jumper and Sa'Mahn Johnson's explosive 7 points in the fourth quarter, after being held to just two points in the third. The Raiders closed out the game on a 16-7 run, sealing the victory.

Reynoldsburg was led by Sa'mahn Johnson, who dropped an impressive 27 points in their 46-39 win. Johnson received support from her teammates, including Deyona Carter with 7 points, Malaya Collins with 5 points, Naomi Merriweather with 4 points, and Naliyah Knight with 3 points.

"At halftime, we emphasized the importance of relaxing and playing our game," said TV Coach Trevor Younkin. "We'd taken the lead a couple of times, but Reynoldsburg made a significant run in the second quarter to pull ahead. They also switched up their defense, and we needed to quickly adjust and recognize their strategy on the court. By halftime, we'd grasped their approach and managed to take the lead in the third quarter. I believe we were up 32-30 heading into the fourth. I'm pleased to see that, although we still experience lapses, they're fewer and farther between than in the past. Previously, an entire quarter would get away from us, but now it's just half a quarter or a portion of it. We're close, and we need to overcome those moments. This Reynoldsburg team demonstrated their strength by beating Newark by 20 points, and on any given night in the OCC, anyone can come out on top. We're right there, and it's crucial that we continue to believe in each other. That's the key. We must keep fighting."



The Vikings (5-11, 4-5) will travel to Grove City (13-2, 6-0) to take on the Greyhounds for a 7:30 pm tip from Grove City High School.

Box Score:

Teays Valley Vikings: 39

Tessa Horsley: 12 points, 8 rebounds
Avery Mann: 8 points, 6 rebounds
Cami Robins: 8 points, 1 rebound
Cooper McManaway: 5 points, 4 rebounds
Areyanna Karshner: 3 points, 0 rebounds
Amelia Brumfield: 2 points, 2 rebounds
Addie Keplar: 1 point, 3 rebounds

Reynoldsburg Raiders: 46

Sa'Mahn Johnson 27
Deyona Carter 7
Malaya Collins 5
Naomi Merriweather 4

Naliyah Knight 3

Score by quarter:

Quarter 1: Teays Valley 8 points, Reynoldsburg 9 points

Quarter 2: Teays Valley 10 points, Reynoldsburg 16 points

Quarter 3: Teays Valley 14 points, Reynoldsburg 5 points

Quarter 4: Teays Valley 7 points, Reynoldsburg 16 points

Total: Teays Valley 39 points, Reynoldsburg 46 points