

# Ross run over by Willard

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**WILLARD** — Harding got off to a slow start Tuesday in Division I Northwest District sectional opener.

But the Lady Presidents picked up the pace in the second half, scoring 38 points, and ran away with a 59-28 victory over Fremont Ross at Willard.

It was also a special night for freshman Shawnta' Dyer.

She not only played in her first tournament game, but also set a new single-season Harding scoring mark.

Dyer tallied 20 points, including 15 in the second half, giving her 377 points for the season, breaking the old record of 361 set by Lorenta Jones.

"The team has been behind me and cheering me on to get the record," Dyer said. "I wasn't really any extra nervous because it was my first tournament game."

With Fremont Ross setting the tempo of the game, Harding took a 3-2 lead with 3:45 left in the first quarter and thanks to a pair of 3-point field goal by Jessica Jenkins held an 11-4 cushion at the end of the stanza.

The flow of the game still remained with the Lady Giants and they kept things close, trailing just 21-11 at the half.

But the Lady Presidents turned up the offense in the second half.

Limiting Fremont Ross to just six points in the third quarter, Harding nearly matched its first half point count with 19 markers, including 11 by Dyer.

"We were well prepared physically but mentally it took us 16 minutes to get focused," said Harding coach Bill Sycks. "You don't ever underestimate an opponent."

Fremont Ross coach Sue Wolf knew her team had to slow the tempo of the game to stay with Harding.

"We had to slow it down to have a chance," she said. "Harding is a good team and once we got tired, they started pushing the ball up the court."

A seven-point run to start the fourth quarter upped Harding's lead to 47-17 and the Lady Presidents were well on their way to their 18th victory in 21 games.

In addition to scoring 20 points, Dyer also grabbed 15 rebounds. Jenkins totaled 17 points and dished out 17 assists.

Sycks also was pleased with the play off the bench of Sarah Woodrum, who scored six points.

Ashley Long paced Fremont Ross (4-17) with 10 points and five rebounds.

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